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Redevelopment passage certified

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The final vote on Measure F has been officially certified by the Contra Costa County Registrar. El Cerrito voters have decided to amend the city's Redevelopment Plan by a small majority. The final vote was Yes: 4785, No: 4737.

The outcome of the election was not known until the day following the election. The plan amendment passed by 45 votes. After the absentee ballots were counted a week later, redevelopment was ahead by just 10 votes. The final certified results include a number of provisional votes which took somewhat longer to tabulate.

The Redevelopment Plan in El Cerrito has been in operation since 1981 after the passage of Proposition 13. Supporters say projects got off to a slow start due to the severe and unexpected recession suffered by the national economy. They say that recently, however, redevelopment has proven itself by attracting new business to El Cerrito

— with different forms of direct assistance but also by attracting completely independent developers once the target areas have been upgraded.

Some opponents of the continuation of redevelopment believe that it may have indeed given a "jump start" to attracting new business; that job having already been accomplished, they say, that form of municipal insistence is no longer needed.

Other opponents maintain that redevelopment activity has not been successful at all, that business would come to El Cerrito on its own, particularly if encouraged by a business-friendly environment, and that the expense is a risk to taxpayers.

A citizens committee recommended the plan amendment after about a year of study and discussion. The Redevelopment Advisory Committee recommended the \$80 million bond limit eventually placed on the ballot by the city council; voters have approved the issuance of \$80 million in bonds when rev-

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Shooting verdict prompts safety fears

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Albany police officers remain concerned over the safety of the waterfront area, where reserve officer Sean Cauthen was shot in the predawn darkness last May.

Two weeks ago, an Alameda County Superior Court jury found Charles James Gidron, a 43-year-old Berkeley resident, not guilty in the shooting of Cauthen while he was patrolling the landfill near the Golden Gate Fields.

"When you are trying someone under the highest evidentiary standards it is difficult to get a conviction," said Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo. "My officers are frustrated. They have had to live through the agony of having an officer shot and knowing that at any moment that could happen again."

Cauthen was fired on by an assailant and hit in the lower left portion of his chest on May 5. He maintains that he owes his life to the protection of a bullet proof vest which prevented Cauthen from sustaining any serious injury from the incident.

Gidron was found innocent of assault with a firearm on a police

officer in the case.

The outcome of the case was unsurprising to Cauthen and his colleagues since the burden of evidence rested on the 25-year-old volunteer officer's eyewitness account of the evening and a lack of physical evidence.

"I'm a little surprised by the verdict but I knew it was going to be tough to get a conviction," said Cauthen, a resident of Pittsburgh, Calif.

"The police were not shocked," said Deputy District Attorney Alyse Sandbach.

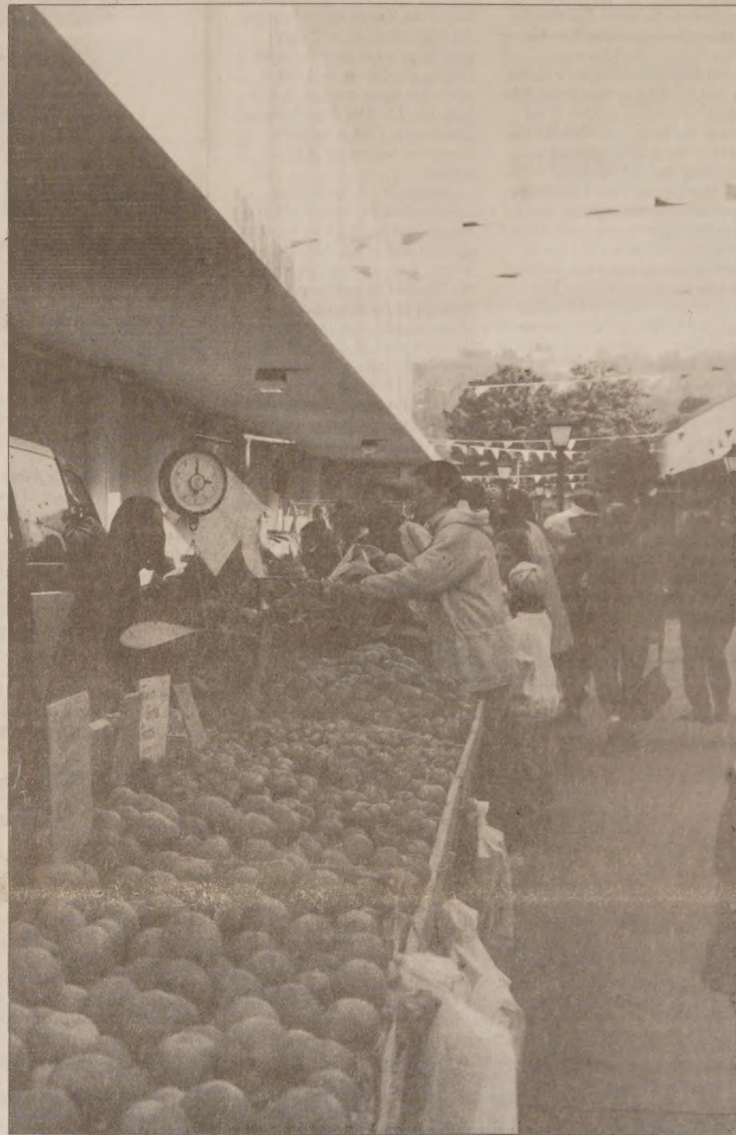
"The major thing was that Cauthen thought his attacker was a lot bigger and younger than Gidron actually is and those inconsistencies made it difficult to prosecute," she added.

Cauthen identified the shooter as a 25-year-old man, 6 foot 5 inches tall, weighing 230 to 235 pounds, muscularly built, who wore his hair in cornrows.

Though Sandbach maintains that Gidron has a "youthful face," he is also 5 feet 9 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds and wears his hair in dreadlocks, according to Gidron's attorney, Mike Roman.

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Brisk business



Shoppers are turning out in droves to the weekly Farmer's Market on Tuesdays despite dropping temperatures.

Albany's budget uncertain

By Tara Suan

ALBANY — Nearing a January revision for the Albany budget, city staff and council members say they will not factor in any projected cardroom windfall before those funds actually materialize.

"I don't think we ever expected to put that revenue in our January revision process," said City Administrator Darren Fields.

Fields added that the mid-year budget revision is mostly a correction process for technical changes, and said the possibility of major changes being made to this year's budget were slim.

In addition, both staff and council expect to pass the next two-year budget for 1995-1997 without calculating in any revenue which may result from the completion of a permit process with Ladbroke Racing Corp. to build a 150-table cardroom.

"Albany is generally fiscally cautious," said Mayor Mike Brodsky. "When June rolls around we'll have a better idea of what the budget will look like."

Councilmember Robert Good added, "It may be over a year before we see any of those funds. But we expect it to be a big infusion."

The two council members and Fields say the probability of passing a deficit budget in which the city is forced to once again dip into its general reserve fund is high.

This year's budget experienced a \$600,000 shortfall in funds that were covered with \$225,000 from the general reserve fund, \$175,000 in increased utility users' and property transfer taxes, and the shuffling of a further \$183,000 from the general fund to cover the deficit incurred by the emergency medical services fund.

Fields explained that the medical services fund is a result of a

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EC Council hears cemetery complaints

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — About 10 residents of Eureka Avenue and Seaview Drive attended the Nov. 21 meeting of the El Cerrito City Council to demonstrate their opposition to excavation of a new burial plot area at the Sunset View Cemetery.

Rather than individual graves with space between, the seven-foot deep hole is designed to hold 600

vaults with two caskets each. Neighbors don't want the graves too close to their property lines.

One resident spoke to the council on behalf of his neighbors. He referred to a lawsuit that has been filed against both the cemetery corporation and the city of El Cerrito by resident Margaret O'Connell, who says the work comes to within 15 inches of her backyard fence and has suggested a "back setback" from residential property lines.

Neighbors have also been concerned about the possibility that slides might be encouraged by the large excavation. Michael Klinger, president of the Sunset View corporation has said, however, that the project is meant to be a safer method of hillside burial, one proven by use at other cemeteries for 30 years.

Klinger has estimated that the cemetery might run out of space in 20 to 25 years as the situation now is; the new plan, he said, will extend

the cemetery's service to El Cerrito and surrounding communities by 10 years.

He has no doubts about the legality of the cemetery's plans.

According to the spokesperson, neighbors regret the lawsuit but have filed "many letters and declarations" along with it since it has "affected landowners up and down Eureka and Seaview."

He said they understand that

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Holiday in the making



Toby Childs (right) assists Dorothea and Forrest Balliet of El Cerrito in choosing an early Christmas tree at the lot on San Pablo Avenue.

New elementary life sciences curriculum under consideration

By Shannon Morgan

ALBANY - The Albany School District is on its way to adopting new earth and life sciences curriculum for K-5 students that aims to modernize the district's approach to education.

The process began more than a year ago, when the district adopted new physical science materials reviewed by the Science Committee led by outgoing Vista/MacGregor Principal Helen Laird.

Now in its second phase of adopting earth and life science materials, the district reviewed the Full Option Science System (FOSS) adopted by the board last May and developed by the Lawrence Hall of Science.

Laird said the new material, sur-

veyed by faculty to be used for the core program, includes more hands on teaching methods, is developmentally and teacher friendly.

At the kindergarten level, however, teachers opted for a different science program.

"Teachers reached consensus that they would add the school kit which addresses environmental awareness. It integrates ecology and learning how to create a better planet."

"We kid and say this is the most approach to science because it's so nicely packaged," Laird said of the colorful portable science kit emblazoned with a drawing of the planet and containing myriad charts, books and support materials.

In addition, teachers at the fourth

and fifth grade level had difficulty adopting the FOSS program.

"This was an exceptional discussion. Teachers said 'We really can't say what we want because it's too much. We'll never get through that much material and still teach everything else we were supposed to,'" Laird said.

As a solution, students at that level will, for example, major in earth sciences and minor in life science one year, then major in life sciences and minor in earth sciences the next year.

Laird said the committee is planning two more staff development days to review materials, suggest literature for review and form a final recommendation (a student release day in October was used for this purpose).

Remembering When

By William Paul

War time warnings from years gone by

Strangely enough, I was pretty young when I was born. But shortly after that a guy assassinated a big wheel in Sarajevo and triggered a world war, called, appropriately enough, World War I. Fortunately, I was old enough to remember some of the things that went on but not old enough to get drafted.

Not true for WW II, but I beat them to it and enlisted, and now that some are talking about a possible WW III I can look back and consider how many things were so much alike in the first two to warn you what to expect.

In both there were shortages of food; in WW I because meat had to be sent to the troops so a special cookbook was prepared and distributed through the schools giving recipes for meatless dishes using mostly walnuts and other nuts. Some of the dishes were pretty good, too. In WW II they gave out ration tickets for meat.

During WW I, because my father's father had come to this country from Germany some of his friends felt uneasy about the situation, even though my grandfather came over to get away from conscription by the German Army, then fought in the Civil War on the Union side.

I have no knowledge of what it must have been like in some of the Midwestern states where they couldn't elect anyone to a city office if his name wasn't Schmidt or end in "burger" — there were that many people of

German extraction living there. You know, don't you, that at one time in America's history there was a question what would be adopted as the official language — English or German. Well, now you do.

You know what happened to the Japanese during WW II.

During WW I they got at families through their school kids: we — both boys and girls — were taught how and encouraged to knit. We knitted 12-inch squares to be sewn together by the mothers into blankets for "the boys." Mothers were encouraged to do more complicated knitting, and some of "the boys" got some mighty good socks made by my mother, who was a real perfectionist at knitting and did beautiful work.

Many years later I remember gathering a small crowd around me on a Key Route ferry when I started to show a girl I knew, sitting beside me while knitting, a new stitch my mother had taught me. I believe I blushed when I looked up and saw my audience ... I could still blush in those days.

During WW II they called them War Bonds. During WW I they were known as Liberty Bonds, and again they went after people to buy them through the schools by selling 25-cent stamps to kids — buy enough of the stamps and you could turn them in for a \$25 bond.

Volunteer speakers appeared at all the movie theaters and gave inspirational talks during intermissions trying to push

bonds. I don't know if they did that in WW II — I was off doing something useless in the desert of Central Washington at the time.

Then there was the matter of proving your patriotism by changing the name of something that didn't really matter — it happened in both wars: Sauerkraut became liberty cabbage; hamburger became ground beef; Hirsch & Kaiser (an optical store in S.F.) became Hirsch & Kaye; the Kaiser Hotel became the Hotel Woodrow. I don't remember what they did with Limburger cheese — I could never get close enough to it to find out. The Hof Brau became The States. That must have shortened the war at least 15 minutes.

During WW I my chief contribution to the war effort was to knit maybe half a dozen squares and bring Dad's hand-held scales to school to weigh the bundles of newspapers brought in for the paper our class collected for the drive. And, oh yes ... I dutifully ate meat loaf made with no meat and didn't complain.

But, you know what? When I look back on it, I'm not sure which war got the greater amount of contribution of my services. I, along with hundreds of thousands of others, got a letter thanking me for my services in WW II. But I'll bet the printing press that put General Arnold's signature on my copy had its fingers crossed. I'd say it was a toss-up.



of Albany's political processes by the Pittsburgh pirates?

Give us a break, Mike. The election is over and Ladbroke won, by one percent of the vote. Please don't play at moral indignation now. After all, "moral" was the word you chose most often to hurl at opponents, in order to belittle any kind of objection to your cardroom utopia. "Moral" concerns don't play very well in Albany, you thought then. But maybe the votes of nearly 3,100 citizens against the cardroom have changed your mind?

Incidentally, other Albany citizens had much to say at that same Council meeting where Mr. Feiner bleated about campaign spending. Yet the Journal reporter either didn't stay for the full meeting or chose to ignore what was said by those citizens. Could we have a truer report of these meetings in the future? Those of us who still care about Albany's future need to know what else our Council (and Ladbroke Corporation) has in store for us.

Peggy Thow
Albany

Political venom abhorred

Editor:

Some observations on the recent Albany elections:

(1) The town looks much better now that we've taken down all our signs.

(2) A margin of 143 for Yes on F (as of Nov. 23) is not unusual or even small in Albany.

In the 1990 City Council elections, Bill Cain defeated Robert Luoma by 160 votes, and only 20 votes separated Jack Dempster from Arthur Diamond.

In the 1992 City Council elections, Bob Good defeated Bill Lewis by only 25 votes, and Bill Lewis in turn led Diedre Sanchez by only 33 votes.

A margin of over 100 votes begins to look like big time!

(3) We need, as a community, to focus on removing the venom from Albany politics.

In a Nov. 24 letter to the Journal, Elise Morgan compares Yes on F literature to "Nazi propaganda," apparently because Julia Gallardo posed with her children on a piece of Yes on F literature. The exact words are "... pro-F publicity, with its sleek and contentless publications of smiling blond matrons with kids on park benches, chilled me with its resemblance to Nazi propaganda techniques...."

Excuse me?

Consider the following:

(a) David Arkin and Anni Tilt posed with their children on a piece of No on F literature. Neither group look like storm troopers to me.

(b) Mr. Arkin, who sounds very pleasant on the phone, nevertheless injected race into Albany politics for the first time in memory by writing that a card room would bring in "Asian" gangs.

(c) The most lurid piece of the campaign had to be the blood red leaflet from the No forces which claimed that card rooms bring "murder," "suicide" and "drugs."

The same mailing falsely said the card room would be 300 feet from a school.

Ms. Morgan — wasn't it the Nazis who used the Big Lie?

(4) Albany really is a small town, and honest people can legitimately disagree. There were many families in Albany where the adults voted differently on Measure F.

Nazis living with saints? I think not.

(5) In classic small town politics, yesterday's rivals can be tomorrow's allies.

Elizabeth Baker and Mike Brodsky, seen as bitter opponents in the past, agreed on Measure F. Thelma Rubin and Joyce Jackson, allies in the past, disagreed on Measure F. Mutual respect, even in the heat of politics, should be our goal.

Perhaps in 1998 Ms. Morgan, Mr. Arkin and I will all work together on Measure Q.

Stay tuned — and stay polite!

Matthew Rinaldi
Albany

Fight far from over

Editor:

Oh, the irony of it all! Michael Feiner, a major proponent of Ladbroke's cardroom proposal appears before the Albany City Council on Nov. 21 to make a plea for, of all things, campaign finance reform. His major fear: That one large

contributor can come in and "buy" an election suggested that no one should be able to contribute more than \$100 to any candidate or cause.

What universe do you live in, Mr. Feiner? My husband and I donated a total of \$250 to the "No on Casinos" campaign. You would probably be on doing that, but you passionately defended Ladbroke's efforts to buy the support of the Albany electorate with a \$200,000 campaign.

Well, Mr. Feiner, you at least managed to convince the Journal of your bona fides. In coverage of the City Council meeting, you proposed (Journal, Nov. 24), but completely neglected to report the clash at the end of the meeting over alleged misconduct by Albany police officers and firefighters during the campaign. That clash arose during the "City" portion of the meeting, when the City Council and City Attorney with a demanding an investigation into six incidents including alleged acts of intimidation and use of city facilities to conduct campaign-related activities in support of Measure F.

Rather than listening passively to my presentation on these matters, as the Brown prescribes, Mayor Michael Brodsky took the opportunity to attack me personally, claiming I was trying to intimidate police officers and firefighters who were simply exercising their political rights. Apparently, Mr. Feiner and Brodsky live in the same universe, one located on the other side of the Looking Glass....

For the record, I asked the City Attorney to investigate the following incidents to determine if there were any violations of California law that would require discipline or other sanctions of the city employees involved, and which may provide a basis for challenging the election results:

1. Albany resident Eric Hanson has alleged an Albany firefighter threatened to have his "friends" in the police department "tow and wreck" Hanson's car, which was parked near a fire station and displayed a "No on Casinos" sign. Hanson has filed complaints with federal, state and local authorities about this incident, and the matter is under investigation.

2. There were also reports of firefighters driving a fire department vehicle through Albany neighborhoods on the Saturday before the election, slowing down and stopping to block every few houses (Journal, Nov. 10). Some citizens were alarmed by this conduct, believing the firefighters were recording information from homes where "No on Casinos" signs were posted.

3. Many of us who went to the debate on Nov. 25 also found quite disconcerting the conduct of Albany firefighters and police officers who attended in uniform and stood by the exits back of the auditorium, looking very intimidating with their arms folded across their chests. It is reasonably could be viewed as an official use of force" in support of Measure F.

4. Public record information available to Alameda County Superior Court indicated that in 1987, Police Chief Larry Murdo won \$40,000 lost \$37,000 gambling at Golden Gate Plaza (West County Times, Oct. 28). Chief Murdo acknowledged that he is currently a regular of GGF, gambling there "about twice per week on weekends" (Journal, Nov. 17). Although professes to want to "put all residents at ease with promises of vigilance in policing the proposed GGF cardrooms, Murdo may have an apparent or actual conflict of interest that disqualify him from participating in the implementation of the development agreement in any decisions about policing and security of GGF cardrooms.

5. Chief Murdo has also openly admitted in his capacity as chairman of the Yes on F campaign, he invited citizens to call him at a city telephone line at the Albany Police Department to discuss their concerns about proposed cardrooms. Although Murdo has returned "most" of these calls on his own the evening (Journal, Nov. 10), implicit in his assertion is an admission that he used city telephone lines to field at least some campaign-related phone calls. This appears to be a violation of California laws governing public property and an abuse of authority and conflicts of interest.

6. There are further reports that firefighters used city phone lines to make campaign calls while on duty. This, too, would be an improper use of public property in violation of California law.

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Letters to the Editor

Extra expense

Editor:

Vice-Mayor Robert Good's proposal for the Albany Library is supposed to save money. Circ-only, however, is far more costly than Mr. Good realizes. Here are three extra expenses in the circ-only policy.

(1) The cost of adding security. Security is now a daily problem at the new community center and Albany Library. Checking out materials at the circulation desk, the clerical staff is not in a position to observe the full operation of the library.

In the full-service approach, which Mr. Good opposes, the librarians on duty are responsible for security. They walk through the library, check the meeting rooms and study halls, watch over the computers, and they are trained to deal with social tensions. In the full-service plan (in contrast to circ-only), the public gets access to the reference desk, children's desk, phone information, while the costs of security are already paid. No additions for security are necessary.

(2) The costs of adding four special hours for the supervisory clerk position. Clerical supervision is absolutely necessary during the clerk-only hours. Circ-only conditions are specialized and tense. When librarians are on duty, addition of a supervising clerk is not absolutely required.

(3) The cost of pay differentials. Under circ-only policy, the clerical staff, minus librarians, assume new responsibilities and pressures. Shift differentials for circ-only hours would be a normal, additional expense.

All three added expenses for circ-only policy — security, extra supervision, pay differentials — are unnecessary in a simple full-service morning plan. Circ-only costs a lot more than it appears, and full-service in the morning costs a lot less than we have been told. Full-service is still the best way to open the Albany Library more hours.

Bradley Cleveland
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Comments criticized

Editor:

Although the final tally on Measure F in El Cerrito is not yet in, we were angered by the comments of Mayor Bartke, who expressed the opinion that the people who voted against the measure "misunderstood" the issues.

Contrary to her attitude, we wanted Mayor Bartke to know that many of the people who voted against adding to the \$14 million debt burden that we currently bear thoughtfully considered the pros and cons of redevelopment and the dismal experience of the city in obtaining repayment for the huge outlays of recent years.

We remember all too well the painful aftermath of bankruptcy that followed the free-spending days of New York City. The public services, roads, sanitation, sewers, health and welfare of the citizenry have yet to fully recover from the disruption and chaos that followed that debt burden.

No, Mayor Bartke, there is no free lunch, and whether taxpayer money is spent directly via sales or property taxes or the mechanism of bond sales, the local taxpayers are ultimately responsible and must pick up the tab when revenues do not meet the grandiose expectations of the politicians.

Edwin and Evelyn Weber
El Cerrito

Campaign qualms

Editor:

Is it possible?

Michael Feiner, spokesman for the Yes on F Committee, sponsored (to the tune of over \$100,000) by Ladbroke Racing Corporation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is now sniveling in public about campaign contribution limits? Where was his concern a month ago, as Ladbroke sent check after check to pay for the cute little Albany storefront, the well-groomed "volunteer" canvassers, the glossy brochures, the telephone harassers? Could even Michael Feiner be getting a bit sick of the obvious and outright manipulation

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Fire News

By Fire Chief Marc McGinn

Park proposal sparks debate

By Carolyn Younger

An East Bay Regional Park District effort to streamline master plan land use guidelines and limit public input has created anger and suspicion among park advocates traditionally involved in park use decisions.

At a public workshop sponsored by the district last week, speakers from the standing-room-only crowd quizzed staff on the rationale behind the proposed changes, chastised district officials for calling a temporary halt to public hearings on the revisions and asked for the staff proposals in writing.

The master plan is the district's planning document that guides staff in policy and land use decisions. It is updated every decade and a 40-member Park Advisory Committee has played a major role in writing and revising the plan.

The crowd was clearly divided into two camps — those willing to let staff determine necessary changes before presenting them for public review, and those who favor citizen-generated revisions and extensive public input.

All speakers were united, however, in their requests for documentation of staff's recommendations and an accompanying rationale of the need for change.

"I think we should let the professionals decide what the district needs and then have the community groups take a look," said former board member Carroll Williams of Berkeley, "but we have to have the proposals to respond to and there is no place where I can read them."

"What is very interesting is that so many people are asking the district for something in writing ... something staff seems very reluctant to do," said Helen Klebanoff, a PAC member and president of the Regional Parks Association.

"I've heard two opinions from members of both factions," Klebanoff added. "The suspicion is

that the district has radical changes in mind that it hasn't talked about and is letting people vent as a way of pouring oil on the waters. The second opinion is that the district realizes it is up against a lot of opposition and will move away from whatever it was they had in mind."

One board member agreed that it has been difficult to move forward with the process.

The information so far "is not specific enough, it's just floating around and hard to get a grasp on," said board member Jean Siri, whose district includes El Cerrito and Albany. "I want to get on with it."

'The suspicion is that the district has radical changes in mind.'

—HELEN KLEBANOFF,
REGIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION
PRESIDENT

When the first definitive master plan was written in 1973 (by an 83-member Citizens Task Force and a 60-member Public Agency Advisory Committee based on recommendations from the staff and board), the district consisted of 25 regional parks on 27,000 acres.

In two decades, EBRPD has grown to 77,000 acres in the two-county district, and includes 47 regional parks and 1,000 miles of connecting trails.

The passage of park bond Measure AA in 1988 allowed the district to accelerate its land acquisition program, said Tom Mikkelsen, assistant general manager of parklands.

The five-part land use process laid down by the 1973 master plan is hampering staff's attempts to keep up with new acquisitions, Mikkelsen

said, and only half of the parks have completed land use plans.

Staff is recommending that the district go to a computerized Geographic Information System to prepare individual park maps at one. The mapping system makes use of an extensive database of topographical, geological, zoological and botanical information and can be updated as needed.

The suggested streamlining would not eliminate zoning criteria or resource analysis, Mikkelsen assured the group.

"In the last 20 years, some LUDPs are 20 pages, others are 300 pages and some are obsolete," said Jerry Kent, assistant general manager of operations and interpretation. "Some people don't want to change the process. We're saying we need something more manageable on a district-wide basis. We would never push a process that didn't include public input."

Among veteran park watchdogs, however, suspicions have been mounting since December, 1993, when a memo from board president Jocelyn Combs and initiated by general manager Pat O'Brien, was presented at the last board meeting of the year and accepted without public discussion.

The memo recommended shifting initial master plan revisions from the Park Advisory Committee to staff and asking the advisory committee instead to channel its energies into developing a cultural diversity policy.

Among the changes that have stirred public passions are those calling for the elimination of land use development plans requiring resource analysis and management prescriptions for each new acquisition, and the reduction of eight current park classification categories into two divisions — regional park and regional trail.

Each of the existing categories includes lists of specific uses and See PARK, page 16

Avoiding costly holiday hazards can be simple

Two people died during an evening fire that had started when an electrical extension cord supplied their Christmas tree lights was overloaded. There were no smoke detectors to alert the people of the fire.

When the two occupants returned early in the evening from a short Christmas vacation they noticed the lights of their Christmas tree which was located in the living room.

When they went to bed later that evening, they left the lights on their living room.

At 1:55 a.m., a neighbor across the street noticed the flames coming from the house and called 911. Firefighters found the couple

dead in their bedroom. The woman was by the bedroom door, and the man was near the bed.

His hands were cut, apparently from trying to break the bedroom window to escape.

A dresser that was placed in front of the window had hindered his attempt to escape.

Investigators traced the fire to the electrical extension cord that supplied the Christmas tree lights.

The dry Christmas tree had not been watered while the occupants were away, and with no detectors, the heat and smoke spread undetected.

Although this happened in Michigan, it is a perennial problem throughout the U.S. during this

time of year. There are precautions that you can take to avoid such a tragedy:

- If you use extension cords, use 16 gauge minimum, 14 or 12 gauge is better.

- Never leave Christmas lights on when you are not at home or while you are sleeping.

- Keep your tree in water at all times, this will keep it from drying out.

- Make sure you have a working smoke detector in every room.

- Keep a charged extinguisher near by.

- Don't put your tree up too early or take it down too late. This will minimize the possibility of your tree drying out.

Hillside fire plan approved

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The city council has approved the proposed fire hazard reduction plan for the Hillside Natural Area and approved the issuance of a negative declaration of the county in lieu of an Environmental Impact Report.

In presenting the plan to the city council during a public hearing Nov. 15, Fire Chief Steve Cutright drew attention to some salient features of the history of fire in the East Bay, noting first the 500 structures lost in

the Berkeley conflagration in the 1920s.

Since that time, said Cutright, the area has seen encroaching urban growth into wildland areas.

"We've been slow to plan for that kind of growth," he said, referring to keeping up with appropriate building codes, adequate water supplies and sufficient street access. There is no line between urban development and the wildland, he said, but rather an intermix.

Changing fuel types has also been

a characteristic of recent decades — "from grassland to brush to trees," he said, with Monterey pines, eucalyptus and Scotch broom increasing.

At the same time, property owners are using more dense and varied garden vegetation, according to Cutright.

"These are significant fuel developments," he said.

An increasing environmental regulatory climate has also had its affects. Controlled burning has again become accepted as a legitimate method of vegetation control, he said, while concern about threatened and endangered species and other resources, like water, has increased.

The area, he said, has been recognized by the state as a high risk area.

"The consequences of this history are that at times fire will occur

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Police Reports

Juveniles reportedly attacked on San Pablo Avenue

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the night of Nov. 22, near the intersection of San Pablo Avenue and Clay Street two juveniles started yelling at two 17-year-old Albany boys saying they wanted to fight. When the Albany teens refused to fight and attempted to leave, one of the reportedly threatening juveniles kicked in the rear fender of the 1982 Nissan being driven by the Albany teens, then kicked in the rear passenger window, smashing it. The other attacker attempted to punch in the right front passenger window but was unsuccessful. One of the attackers was described as an Asian male juvenile, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weighing 170 pounds, wearing a blue pullover sweater. The other attacker was described as an Asian male juvenile, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing 150 pounds, wearing a white pullover sweater and dark pants. Police are investigating.

• On the night of Nov. 20 Albany officers found a 1983 Chevy Malibu in a parking garage on the 900 block of Kains Avenue which had been used to flee from the scene of an accident. The left front fender was dented, the grill broken and it was missing the front bumper. Officers towed the car and are continuing to investigate.

• While the residents were away from their home on the 400 block of Kains Avenue on the night of Nov. 20, unknown vandals attempted to gain entry to the house through the back door. When that proved un-

successful, they threw a rock through the front window and fled unseen.

• Albany officers contacted an El Cerrito man as he was leaving Albany when he was observed knocking over a paper rack in front of a restaurant on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. He was found to be intoxicated and was arrested, to be released when sober.

• Richmond police contacted Albany officers to help in the pursuit of a stolen vehicle headed for Albany. Albany officers observed the vehicle as it came off the 580 off ramp and headed east bound on Buchanan Street in the west bound lanes during the early morning commuter hours of Nov. 21. The vehicle was stopped at Johnson and Cleveland Streets and the driver, an Albany resident, surrendered. He was detained and turned over to the Richmond Police.

• On the morning of Nov. 21 unknown thieves broke into a 1984 Honda belonging to a resident on the 1000 block of Santa Fe Avenue. They stole the in-dash stereo and fled unseen.

• On the morning of Nov. 21 the California Highway Patrol in Contra Costa County reported to Albany that they had located a 1985 Toyota which had been reported stolen from the 500 block of Pierce Street. It had been damaged but not stripped and there were no suspects in custody.

• Unknown thieves broke into an '84 Toyota belonging to a resident on the 1000 block of Ordway Street on the morning of Nov. 20. They stole the stereo and departed unseen.

• Unknown thieves entered a residence on the 600 block of Cornell Avenue on the night of Nov. 21, stole some money, and departed unseen. The owner returned home and found the door open and called police several hours later.

• Two 16-year-old Richmond boys entered a yard on the 1100 block of Garfield Street and stole a bicycle apparently to ride home to Richmond. They were later stopped and arrested by El Cerrito police after a similar theft of a bicycle had occurred in that city.

• Unknown thieves broke into the locked yard of an industrial lot on the 1000 block of Eastshore on the night of Nov. 22. Once inside the yard they stole plywood and used it to build a tent structure on the adjacent railroad property.

• A person described as a Hispanic male, 20 to 35-years-old, weighing 130 pounds, with black hair, wearing a dark sweater and blue jeans, punctured the tire of an 1986 Mercury belonging to a San Francisco man while it was parked in a lot on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue. He stated to the owner of the car that he didn't do anything to the car and walked away. Police are investigating.

• Unknown vandals let the air out of the front tires of a car belonging to a resident on the 800 block of Kains Avenue. There were no witnesses.

• Unknown thieves entered a secured parking garage on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue between Nov. 22 and Nov. 24 and stole the front wheel of a bicycle. Officers noted that several other bicycles had also been tampered with. There

were no witnesses.

• A woman on the 600 block of Jackson Street reported that when she exited her Jeep parked in front of her house on the night of Nov. 24, a subject ran up to her brandishing a small semi-automatic pistol and demanded she give him all her money. She complied by giving him all she had with her and he departed. He was last seen running north bound on Jackson Street. He is described as a male, 20-years-old, about five feet ten inches tall, slender build. He was wearing a dark hooded, waist length coat which hid his features. Police are investigating.

• Unknown vandals broke into a locked residence on the 700 block of Solano Avenue and performed a messy prowling. They were possibly interrupted by the resident returning home and fled unseen.

• The owner of a market on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that on the night of Nov. 26 two subjects entered his store and stole two bottles of wine. He described the first as a white male, 16 years old, five feet five inches tall, thin build, with brown hair, wearing a white sweatshirt and dark baggy pants. The second is described as a black male, 16 years old, five feet seven inches tall, thin build, wearing dark clothing and baggy pants.

• During the week of Nov. 20 Albany officers fingerprinted three people at their request, responded to 12 false alarms, picked up two deceased animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to one report of a barking dog.

Dead bolt thwarts burglary

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A dead bolt lock protected a home from burglary in the 6400 block of Mooser Lane during the daytime Nov. 18. The would-be thief used a pipe wrench on the front door of the residence, breaking the door knob and lock. He did not gain entry, however, since the dead bolt was fastened.

In another residential burglary, coin boxes on a washing machine and dryer were pried open and the coins stolen in an apartment building in the 5600 block of El Dorado during the night of Nov. 17.

• An El Cerrito High School student reported that he was jumped in the school yard at Fairmont Elementary by 10 to 15 E.C.H.S. students at 3:40 p.m. Nov. 15.

• A male juvenile suspect was found in possession of two stolen bicycles from Solano Cycles. The suspect was found at Potrero Avenue and Kearney Street at 12:10 p.m. Nov. 16.

• A Richmond man was stopped but not arrested for possession of a deadly weapon at Central and San

Pablo Avenue at 1 p.m. Nov. 18. The man was carrying a knife and bat "for protection," it was reported with gang terms.

• Two male juveniles from Richmond were arrested at 12:25 p.m. Nov. 23 for taking a bike from an apartment balcony in the 700 block of Kearney.

• A 1979 Datsun 2800Z reported stolen from the El Cerrito Plaza parking lot at 10:45 p.m. Nov. 11. The vehicle was located in police two blocks away.

• An in-dash stereo and other items taken from a vehicle parked on the 6700 block of Cutting Road during the night of Nov. 22. A thief entered the vehicle to hide a key.

In an unsuccessful auto theft incident, the male suspect scared off after punching the lock. The incident occurred at a.m. Nov. 18 in the 13000 block of Navellier Street.

• A golf bag was taken from either the golf cart path or room at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club between Nov. 13 and 14.

• The Silver Dr. reported receiving a counterfeit bill on the afternoon of Nov. 18.

• A man and a woman were arrested at Target for shoplifting. They are residents of Richmond.

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A sobering coming of age story in Korea

The following is the first in a series of stories written by Albany High School students who are participating in a "Writing Memoirs" class taught by Carla Harkness at the Albany Senior Center.

By Haruo Aoki

In 1944 I was living in Hamhung

in the northern part of Korea. I was 14 and in my third year at Hamhung High School. The pressure to make students volunteer for military service was mounting. I was not near-sighted then, so I had little excuse.

Later I learned that this pressure was stronger in the old Japanese colonies than in Japan itself be-

cause the government wanted to make an example of us to the Korean people. I took an examination to join the Navy pilot training program, but I did not tell my parents because they would have said "No!" I counted on failing the exam.

Early in 1945, father was transferred to Chonju in the southern

part of the Korean peninsula. There I received a letter from the Japanese Navy regarding my pilot training examination. I passed. A month after I became a fourth-year student in Chonju Middle School, and a month after my 15th birthday, I left Korea and traveled to Japan to join the Navy.

The school, my classmates, and our neighbors gave me the same send-off as an adult going to war. At a ceremony in the local Shinto shrine, they prayed that I would fight bravely for the country. Though I was under age, they served me a considerable amount of rationed rice wine, as though I were a grown-up. When asked how I felt, I said, "I don't understand why other people get so brave as to not fear death. I hope the training the Navy gives will make me unafraid."

It was not exactly the standard speech people gave at these occasions. It was the first time I drank so much sake that I did not remember what route I took to get home.

The send-off was noisy. I held a

Japanese national flag with words of encouragement from my family members, teachers, classmates, and neighbors. Father carried my suitcase that contained a change of clothes, and a neighbor carried a streamer with my name on it as we walked to the railroad station. The whole school was there.

The train arrived and I leaned out of the window. Father, sister Kazuko, and brother Yoshio were coming with me as far as the next major junction at Iri. I saw Mother, standing away from the crowd, almost hidden behind a post holding up the platform roof. The whistle sounded. The crowd shouted, "Banzai!" I waved the flag to everybody, but my eyes were fixed on Mother.

It felt like mother and I were in the eye of a typhoon. All around us people were singing politically correct songs and shouting equally "p.c." greetings. The higher the level of frenzy rose, the chillier it sounded. I felt sad and almost numb.

All that care, love, devotion, and

energy Mother put in raising me — and it was the best kind of education one can ever hope to get — were about to be wasted. I was so thoughtless to volunteer to die. And for what? I had heard big words such as "for the sake of the Great East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere." It sounded ponderous, vacuous, and irrelevant.

When the train stopped at Iri, I untied the flag pole and handed it to Father to take home. It was too long for the suitcase. I said goodbye to Father, Kazuko, and Yoshio as they got off the train and went home. The platform was filled with people, seeing us off. There were at least a dozen boys going to the front on the same train. After we started to move, I saw a man waving at me and running beside the train. It was Mr. Hisatake, my fifth-grade teacher at Kunsan Grammar School.

"Aoki, are you going too?" he shouted.

"Yes, I am."

"Take care, Aoki!"

"You too, Mr. Hisatake." We were already at the end of the platform.

The next morning I arrived in Pusan, the port of embarkation, and was assigned lodging at the same inn as my classmates from the north, because I took the exam with them in Hamhung. We were told to wait here for a few days until a new ferry arrived. The previous one had been sunk by American mines.

Haruo Aoki was born in Kunsan, Korea, in 1930 and moved to Japan in 1945. He has lived in the United States since 1953. Now retired, he is the father of three daughters — Kanna, Akemi, and Miko — who are all graduates of Albany High School.

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This project is funded in part by the California Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

Her eyes have line of exhaustion.
There's a faint bruise of purple and black on her eyelid because her make-up couldn't

hide it all the way.
Her eyes are half-way shut like a magnet is on her lower eyelid
pulling the upper eyelid lower and lower.
But she knows if she closes them they'll never open again.
If you look into her eyes you'll see a bottomless pit of pain
that reaches to her heart.
You have to turn away otherwise you'll shed the tears she won't shed.
I turn my back to her and walk away.
I'm scared.
I'm too young.

—Rosita Muscardin
MacGregor High School

FALL VERSUS SUMMER

School's back.
Leaves are changing color.
The leaves look beautiful.
Orange leaves falling.
I see myself jumping in leaves.
Puppies are playing in the leaves and cats are burying leaves.
I like bonfires.
Raccoons get ready for winter.
Bears hibernate in the winter.
Squirrels are getting nuts for the winter.
Ghosts go into zombies.
It's getting cooler.
It's winter.
Light and dark combined.

—Group poem
Jeri Fraser's second-grade class
MacGregor Primary School

Obituary

Mary E. Martin

Beloved wife of Gerald and mother of DeLis, died Nov. 22 after a long battle with cancer. Born Mary Elizabeth Nehls, she was always known as Betty.

A native of Iowa, she lived in the Berkeley area for 50 years, graduating from Berkeley High School, class of '47, and attending UC Berkeley Business and

Contra Costa colleges.

She is survived by her husband, daughter DeLis Lankford, grandson Robert Lankford, brother, Robert Nehls, Sr., sisters Joan Sousa and Patricia Dempster and a large extended family all very dear to her. She was well respected and much loved.

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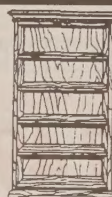
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Council's changing of the guard

On Monday, Dec. 5, the El Cerrito City Council will reorganize. This is an annual happening, when the positions of Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem, and Chair of the Redevelopment Agency are rotated. You are invited to come to the City Council Chambers for the event. It will be televised on Bay Area Channel 25. The time will be earlier than usual, at 7 p.m.

The Planning Commission on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m. will be discussing a proposed change in our zoning codes that would affect the parking requirements for some local businesses. Many of the small, existing storefronts, built before America's de-

From the Mayor's Desk

By Jane Bartke
El Cerrito



pendence on the automobile exploded, do not have adequate off-street parking for all their customers. The proposed zoning amendment would set thresholds of 2,000 square feet, or 30 restaurant seats, for buildings which were built before 1953 when our parking requirements went into effect. This would include all of the buildings which lack off-street parking on upper Fairmont and upper Stockton. It is proposed that businesses which exceed these thresholds would still be required to provide off-street parking spaces, unless they can successfully apply for a specific waiver.

The Planning Commission will

also hear a use permit application for a fullservice Japanese restaurant in the space on Fairmont Avenue that formerly was a Thai/Pizza restaurant. This site is one of the retail spaces built before 1953 that has no off-street parking.

El Cerrito is now available in Japan! Some recent visitors to our city fell in love with El Cerrito, and upon their return to Nasu, Japan, they named their new coffee house "El Cerrito." It is decorated with photos and memorabilia from our fair city, (some supplied by yours truly.) So, if you happen to be 30 miles north of Tokyo, stop and have an espresso, and feel "at home."

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Walter attended Albany schools, graduating in 1954. He is a former Realtor and market representative for a major company. He raised three sons who went through the Albany schools, Anthony, Andre and Gerald, and a daughter, Nova, who attended Berkeley schools. Beverly is the Director of Finance Reporting for Brookside Hospital.

Albany Day at the Races Prizes Needed

Plans are now being made for the Albany Day at the Races program, which begins the first week in January and continues until Albany Day, March 11, 1995. Chamber members and other businesses are invited to participate in this fund-raiser for Albany's nonprofit organizations, including school groups, senior groups, service organizations, youth groups and fraternal organizations.

For donations totaling \$100 or more, the business name will be printed on 10,000 tickets, 200 window



Walter Wallace

posters, and placed in news releases sent to all Bay Area papers, radio and television stations. There will also be a special window display in the Chamber of Commerce's Solano Avenue window.

Should one wish to donate a prize or prizes totaling \$250, this is considered a top prize and in addition to publicity already mentioned, they will be given advertisement space in the official Golden Gate Fields program on Albany Day. Golden Gate Fields will advertise your business name in 18,500 homes through letters mailed to both Albany and El Cerrito residences just prior to Albany Day.

All nonprofit groups will be selling the drawing tickets for prizes to be won. The drawing is held at Golden Gate Fields the morning of Albany Day. Deadline for pledges is Friday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m.

This is one of the Chamber's major fund-raisers which helps provide service to businesses and the community as a whole. Phone 525-1771 for information.

Albany American Post 292 Hosts Crab Feed

The annual December crab feed sponsored by the American Legion Post 292 will be held on Friday, Dec. 9, at the Veterans Memorial Building at Portland and Ramona avenues. Doors open at 6 p.m.; dinner will be served at 7:30. Proceeds benefit Veterans' Rehabilitation Services. Tickets are \$16 per person. Reservations through Keith Truax, 526-4487, or Roy Holland, 526-2891. Deadline is Dec. 7.

Charles Prins's Annual Food Drive

Dr. Charles Prins is collecting canned and packaged food for the Alameda County Community Food Bank. Prins is appealing to friends, neighbors and his patients to donate food toward his sixth annual drive. Suggested donations are fruit juices, canned meats, pasta and sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter in plastic jars, soups and stews, beans and rice, and cans of tuna.

For anyone never examined or treated by Dr. Prins, he will exchange two full bags of food for a consultation, examination, and a report of findings. The office is at 1308 Solano Ave. Phone 526-6243.

Tree lot draws criticism at El Cerrito council

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO - On Nov. 21 the City Council again approved the establishment of four Christmas tree lots in El Cerrito.

The item was not approved on consent, however; resident Thom Stark asked for its removal so that he could share some concerns about the Delancey Street lot located each year at the corner of Carlson Boulevard and San Pablo Avenue.

Stark said that, especially in the

two weeks just prior to Christmas, "a traffic hazard always arises" as people stand in the street loading and tying trees onto cars, then pull out into traffic.

"There's constantly a problem," as vehicles pull into north-south traffic and in front of vehicles turning right onto San Pablo from Carlson.

Stark, who has several times brought concerns about San Pablo Avenue pedestrian safety issues to

the council, asked that Delancey Street assign someone to provide traffic direction to customers during all hours of operation.

He was not aware, however, of additional information the council had received that had not yet been made public.

Mayor Jane Bartke said Delancey Street is being required by staff to provide an off-street parking area on its lot for tree loading. She suggested observing how the "tie-down, pull-through area" works this year and making adjustments next year if necessary.

Stark said that plan might well meet his own safety concerns.

Classes offered

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is now offering classes in basketball officiating to begin on Dec. 6, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

The classes will consist of instruction, rules and mechanics. Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for enrollees 18 years or older.

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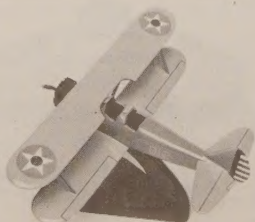
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■ BILL MANN

Turn off the TV and cruise the net

I've channel-surfed on cable with the best of them: I've sampled the rarefied air of a lecture by brilliant humanist and philosophy prof **Jacob Needleman** on The Learning Channel. I've also dragged the bottom — "Supermarket Sweep" on USA Cable.

When I got bored, I then looked to the skies. Armed with a satellite-dish and its remote, I could skip around and watch George Zimmer sell his suits on a Dallas TV station or gawk at morticians' closed-circuit broadcasts on embalming techniques. I've watched baseball games in French out of Montreal and the evening news from Bangladesh. It was time to move on to even greater grazing landscapes.

So the other day I enlisted the help of my tech-head friend, Dilbert, and killed half a day in cyberspace. We were going to cruise the Internet, the World Wide Web in particular.

Through Dilbert's Mosaic browser program, we found a program called The Roulette Wheel. "It's the perfect program for your first trip on the net," said Dilbert, furiously hammering away at his Compaq laptop while his external modem flashed nearby. "You never know where the wheel will throw you. It could land anywhere on the Net."

MCI and Microsoft announced this week they're going to sell Internet services beginning next year. The freight train is picking up speed (time to mix metaphors) down the information superhighway. I wanted to climb aboard rather than end up as railroad kill.

For the next six hours, I lost all track of time. When I'd eaten my last meal. I forgot what my family was doing. I was only vaguely aware that someone was running a leaf blower just outside our window. I was totally sucked in. I now realize why some cyberheads rarely leave their homes. This stuff is both fascinating and addictive. The piled-up pizza boxes festooning Dilbert's small apartment were proof of that. The Internet, it now seems, is above all the most incredible time-wasting device ever invented — if you have a curious mind or you're fascinated by raw data and (mostly) useless information.

Dilbert clicked his mouse on one section of the roulette wheel, and it tossed us halfway around the world to the "Home Page" of Stuttgart University. "Please click this box for English message" said the box. We did. No English ... yet.

Click. Now we're seeing the agenda of tonight's upcoming City Council meeting in Boulder, Colo. We moved on.

We land amidst the specs for a new helicopter from a defense contractor in the Midwest. Back to the wheel, Vanna.

The Internet carried us next to the campus of Appalachian State College, where there is apparently an outdoor sculpture exhibit currently underway. Our screen displayed a campus map. "Cool," said Dilbert. "Let's see what the inside of the gym looks like."

We both laughed. Instead, we got a beautiful full-color picture of a sculpture sitting NEXT to the gym. It looked a bit like an outsized, aluminum Dalkon Shield. Back to the wheel!

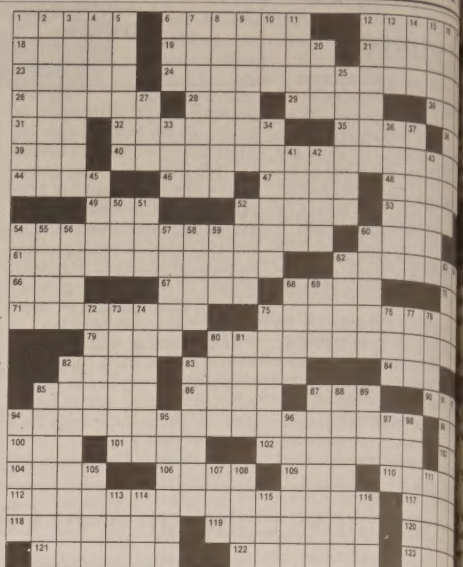
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New York Times Magazine Puzzle

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BY JACQUES LIWER / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Ripoffs</p> <p>6 Ventricles' outlets</p> <p>12 Kind of cheese</p> <p>18 Central Asian capital</p> <p>19 Necked</p> <p>21 Immigrant, to the British</p> <p>23 Riled up</p> <p>24 Dog assessing shoplifting, e.g.?</p> <p>26 "The Birthday Party" playwright</p> <p>28 Double-crosser</p> <p>29 Money-changer's profit</p> <p>30 Faux pas</p> <p>31 Look-alikes' container</p> <p>32 Jean Lafitte et al.</p> <p>35 Triple-decker sandwich</p> <p>38 — du Diable</p> <p>39 Environmentally concerned</p> <p>40 Intrafamily chat?</p> <p>44 Bombast</p> <p>46 Sun. talk</p> <p>47 Supervision</p> <p>48 Stretch</p> <p>49 Passé</p> <p>52 Fathers</p> | <p>53 — di Como, Italia</p> <p>54 What laid-off workers need to remember?</p> <p>60 Do an antique dealer's job</p> <p>61 Handed down</p> <p>62 Idol's place</p> <p>66 Something to believe in</p> <p>67 Capone's nemesis</p> <p>68 Audi rival</p> <p>70 Charlottesville sch.</p> <p>71 Made a successful stand</p> <p>75 Used a stethoscope</p> <p>79 Fox and others, informally</p> <p>80 Falsely sent legal panel to insane asylum?</p> <p>82 Variety of cotton</p> <p>83 Papal tribunals</p> <p>84 "This — stickup!"</p> <p>85 Alpinist's need</p> <p>86 Landed</p> <p>87 Grazing land</p> <p>90 Ice-T servings?</p> <p>94 Inexpensive Sherlock Holmes job?</p> <p>99 Part of TNT</p> <p>100 Thai's neighbor</p> <p>101 Cravings</p> <p>102 Treaty site of 1925</p> <p>103 Musical notes</p> <p>104 Cost of playing</p> | <p>106 "Mark Trail" cartoonist Ed</p> <p>109 Shooting range order</p> <p>110 Like some knights</p> <p>112 Hobo gridlock?</p> <p>117 Kind of pie</p> <p>118 Latecomer, perhaps</p> <p>119 Lustrous fabrics</p> <p>120 China — (showy bloom)</p> <p>121 Slowpokes</p> <p>122 Poor man's penthouse</p> <p>123 Approximates</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Ship officer (with orders for this puzzle?)</p> <p>2 Latin dance</p> <p>3 Wild —</p> <p>4 American Kennel Club outcast</p> <p>5 Is in Morpheus's arms</p> <p>6 Uraeus, in ancient Egypt</p> <p>7 Run</p> <p>8 Spinner</p> <p>9 High-calorie desserts</p> <p>10 Compilation</p> <p>11 Bristle</p> <p>12 Hired escort</p> <p>13 Cell component</p> <p>14 U.N.C. athletic grp.</p> <p>15 High points</p> <p>16 Mexican revolutionary Zapata</p> <p>17 "The King of Kings" director</p> <p>20 Archeological site</p> <p>22 Throw off</p> <p>25 Fitting places</p> <p>27 Sugarloaf Mountain site</p> <p>33 Hosp. staffers</p> <p>34 Get-together</p> <p>36 Nude</p> <p>37 Rail at</p> <p>41 — a one</p> <p>42 H.S.T. or R.M.N.</p> <p>43 Baiting equipment</p> <p>45 Nailed obliquely</p> <p>50 Swiss canton</p> <p>51 Matter of retaliation</p> <p>52 Vichy et al.</p> <p>54 Fuss</p> <p>55 Gaelic</p> <p>56 Seductress</p> <p>57 Ball teams</p> <p>58 Like Yale since 1969</p> <p>59 Nav. officer</p> <p>60 Society event</p> <p>62 Deal</p> <p>63 Outfit for Pavlova</p> <p>64 State</p> <p>65 1980 Kenny Rogers hit</p> <p>68 First graders' work</p> <p>69 "— live and breathe!"</p> <p>72 Merge</p> |
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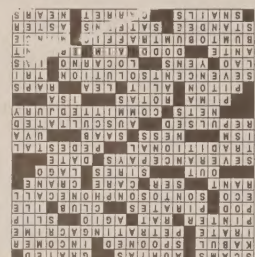
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| <p>73 Like many furniture sprays</p> <p>74 Posture</p> <p>75 Powerful explosive</p> <p>76 Ring around the collar?</p> <p>77 Some sports scores</p> <p>78 Open a bit</p> <p>80 Future stallion</p> | <p>81 Elevator inventor</p> <p>82 Basketball center, e.g.</p> <p>83 King's —</p> <p>85 Tiny people</p> <p>87 Friction match</p> <p>88 Loosely woven fabric</p> <p>89 Kind of ball or bill</p> | <p>91 New Year's bowl site</p> <p>92 Vixen's mate</p> <p>93 Swosie Kurtz TV series</p> <p>94 Road parts</p> <p>95 Puts on</p> <p>96 Slip-on</p> <p>97 Unseparated</p> <p>98 Oklahoma city</p> | <p>105 Lab. item</p> <p>107 Sor's wa</p> <p>108 Raccoon</p> <p>111 Low ball</p> <p>113 — an (expressed mood)</p> <p>114 Sound</p> <p>115 — (noun)</p> <p>116 Ill. time</p> |
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pipes or poles, make sure you look up first, find out where the power lines are and keep all objects clear.

Keep all electrical devices from touching any water source. If you're putting up or taking down holiday lights around your trees or windows, be extra careful anywhere near a tub, basin, pool or standing water.

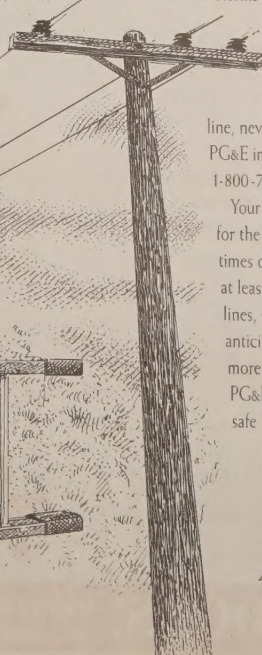
With the kids at home for the holidays, take time to talk with them about electrical safety. Caution them about flying model airplanes, kites, and balloons near power lines. Remind them not to climb electric towers or trees that may be near power lines.

Winter storms sometimes result

in damage to electric lines. If you notice a damaged or downed electric

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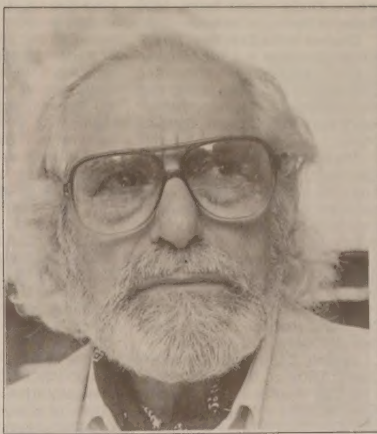
The unbelievable life of El Cerrito resident Milton Wolff

"If you saw it in the movies, you'd never believe it."
 "A 22-year-old man, Brooklyn-born and raised, volunteers in 1937 to fight for the popularly elected, left-leaning Spanish Republican government against the fascist revolution headed by Francisco Franco. Less than a year after joining the Republican government's International Brigades as a private, he becomes the ninth, youngest, and most famous commander of the Lincoln Battalion, leading his troops in some of the fiercest battles of that tragic civil war. He returns to a country beginning to be gripped by anti-Communist hysteria — some of it directed at veterans of the Spanish Civil War, whose veterans' organization he heads.
 "During World War II, he joins the British Special Services and the American OSS to work behind enemy lines, only to return home to renewed Communist witch-hunts and find himself, along with all the other Lincoln Brigade veterans, a target of that fear.
 "Unbelievable? Maybe, but that is the life of 22-year-old Milton Wolff."

The writer said it better than I could, but once you meet Milton Wolff you know it is not only believable, but true. A soft-spoken man with white hair and beard, Wolff still appears to be the stuff of which heroes are made.

And now Milton Wolff's book, a fictionalized version of his own adventures with the Lincoln Brigade, is being published, and is being greeted by critics and historians as "the best book so far, and perhaps ever, about the Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

Some say Wolff's "Another Hill" is an answer to Hemingway's "For Whom the Bell Tolls." Wolff smiles and remembers that Hemingway's



Milton Wolff

first version of his book was much truer to what actually happened in that war and to the quixotic members of the Lincoln Brigade. But his publishers forced him to change it.

Hemingway was very close to the members of the ALB during the war, and his rooms in a Madrid hotel were always open to members of it. Wolff recounts many long conversations he held with the writer, many of them arguments and discussions about the war.

Why "Another Hill"? Says Wolff, "we were always taking another hill, or getting kicked out of hills." From the beginning, when they had to

get into Spain by crossing the Pyrenees, because their "passports were not good in Spain," so they had to go to Paris and climb over the mountains. Some did go by boat from Paris, but one of the boats was sunk by an Italian submarine.

Wolff talks briefly of his youth in Brooklyn. He was always active in various movements, particularly anti-fascist and anti-Nazi activities, he recalls. Things like the fascist rebel movement in Spain, Italy dropping bombs on Ethiopia and Japan raping China moved him and made him want to take some action. He had served in the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) and was involved in all the local struggles against rent eviction and such. When the "Spanish thing" came up, he and others were raising money for the Loyalists. He found that one could join the armed forces there, and he joined up as a First Aid man. He had been in first aid in the CCC. He was a pacifist ("I read 'All Quiet on the Western Front' and 'What Price Glory,' and I was against war.").

But a few months later, while a first aider, he found himself with a machine gun company, with "a very glamorous leader, Walter Garland, an African American. Terrific man." He decided to be a water carrier (they had water-cooled machine guns). But in their first action after three days, he found himself behind a machine gun because of the many casualties they had suffered. "And I was in every action after that." And he adds, "I had a Catholic girl friend back home who was praying for me, so I was never hit."

He rose quickly through the ranks and very soon became the commander.

Milton Wolff says he actually wrote the book in the late 1960s. He sent it out to publishers, and received some very rude rejections, such as "What do we need with another Hemingway?" "I wanted to convey the feeling of how it really was," he says, "and felt I could do it best using the fictional format."

At the urging of professor Cary Nelson, Wolff gave all his papers and artifacts to the University of Illinois, which was starting a "radical library." He had saved all the letters, clippings, publications, medals and flags dealing with Spain and the American Lincoln Brigade. Among the other papers he gave to the University was his manuscript. It was found, recognized for its worth



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

both as an adventure story and a strong history of the period, and became the first fiction published by the University of Illinois Press.

People such as Howard Fast, Martha Gelhorn and Ring Lardner, Jr., have read the book and praise it highly. It has been reviewed by the New York Review of Books, and its acceptance by critics, historians and readers of adventure stories is enthusiastic.

Wolff remains head of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, and is presently working on their 50th reunion, which will take place in February. He remembers that Ernest Hemingway sent a tape to their Tenth (which he tried to play for us at a book party recently, but the player wasn't working). He realizes sadly that the number of veterans is growing smaller, but those remaining are faithful.

Wolff has been a resident of El Cerrito for several years, having moved here with his second wife, Rita, who has since died. He says he always knew he would live in the Bay Area, but he traveled around for some years before settling here.

Meeting and talking with Milton Wolff was a great experience, and it warmed this old liberal heart to know that he is still the old, fighting liberal he always was.

We wish him success with "Another Hill," and the causes he is presently espousing.

Thank you, Karla Huebner, for writing to me about Milton Wolff. It has been a pleasure, indeed.

And, as always, I invite you to give me your ideas. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

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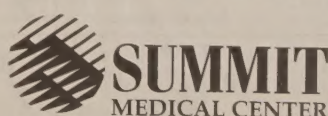
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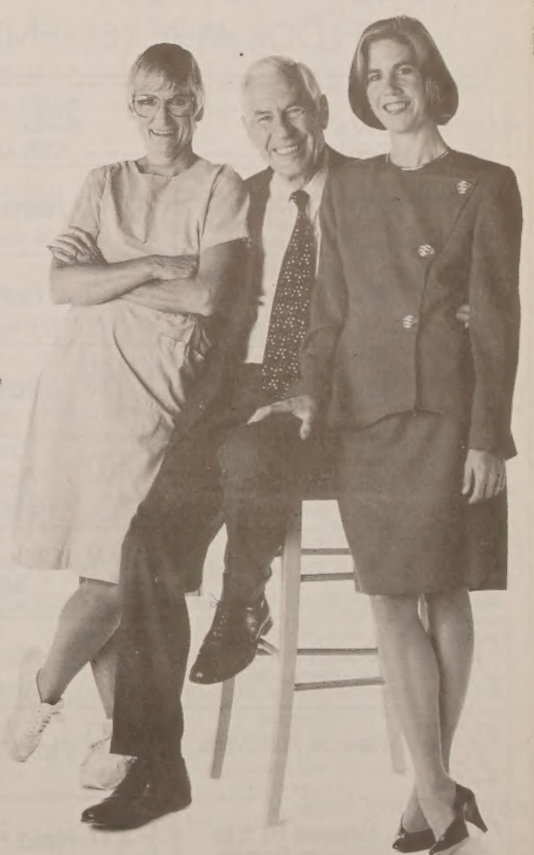
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André Watts: Dec. 10, 8 p.m.: Will play a piano recital at First Unitarian Church of Berkeley. The program includes Mozart, Schubert, Beethoven, Janáček, Debussy and Chopin. One Lawson Road, Kensington. Call 525-0302.

Bay Bones: Dec. 2, 8 p.m.: The 30-piece trombone choir pairs up with the Berkeley Community Chorus Chamber Singers in a free concert at the Berkeley Public Library called "Music for a December Night." 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Call 644-6100.

Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra: Dec. 3, 8 p.m.: Free holiday concert at 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 525-5393.

Collegium Musicum of Berkeley: Dec. 8, 8 p.m.: Directed by David Taylor. Free in Hertz Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus.

Early Music at St. Alban's: Dec. 2, 8 p.m.: Duo Firkeytoddling, David Barnett and Frances Feldon. 1501 Washington St., Albany. Call (415) 753-0361.

Maybeck: Dec. 4, 4 p.m.: Julian White, piano. 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley.

MusicSources: Dec. 4, 5 p.m.: Katherine Silver, harpsichord. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. Call 528-1685.

New Pieces: Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m.: Sonus Imaginorem. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Call 527-6779.

Trinity Chamber Concerts: Dec. 3, 8 p.m.: Morley or Less. Dec. 4, 2:30 p.m.: Montage (Ava Solfer, piano, Cheryl Blalock, soprano, Ellen Gronningen, violin, and Carolyn Harpster, clarinet). 2362 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 549-3864.

Young Musicians Program: Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m.: Presents its 14th annual Messiah Sing. Hertz Hall on the UC-Berkeley campus. Call 642-2686.

Caffè Mediterraneo: Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m.: Open reading and Christmas party. 2475 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 836-1246.

The Masquers: "Me and My Girl" runs through Dec. 17. Call 888-9688.

Middle East Cinematheque: Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.: *Tea in the Harem*, (France, 1986) concludes the Fall 1994 season. 145 Dwinelle Hall, UC-Berkeley. Call 642-8208.

Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra: presents the rarely heard "Christmas Oratorio" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant, Berkeley.

Ashkenaz: Dec. 1: Muttipo; Dec. 2: Lost Weekend; Dec. 3: Haymarket Riot; Dec. 4: Peter Nelson, Prince Jabba; Dec. 6: Jazayer; Dec. 7: Zydeco Flames; Dec. 8: Mecca Bodega. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley.

525-5054.

Freight & Salvage: Dec. 1: Dick Oxtot's Golden Age Jazz Band; Dec. 2: Martin Simpson's Band of Angels; Dec. 3: I'll Be Right Home, Honey; Dec. 4: Judith Kate Friedman; Dec. 7: David Massengill; Dec. 8: Alice Di Miele, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 548-1761.

Kimball's East: Through Dec. 4: Norman Brown; Dec. 7-11: Gerald Albright with Lalah Hathaway; Dec. 14-18: Brian McKnight; Dec. 21-24: Charles Brown; Dec. 28-Jan. 1: Alex Bugnon & Special EFX. All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

La Peña: Dec. 2, 8 p.m.: Grupo Campana; Dec. 3, 9:30 p.m.: Dr. Loco's Rockin' Jalapeño Band; Dec. 4, 8:30 p.m.: Huehuell; Dec. 5, 6 p.m.: Arauco. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568.

Starry Plough: Dec. 1: Katell Keineg, Jerry Shaffer; Dec. 2: The Mother Hips; Dec. 3: Bedlam Rovers, Wild Bouquet; Dec. 4: Your Mother Should Know; Dec. 7: The Rosemarys; Dec. 8: Stimmies, E is for Elephant. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

9th Annual Emeryville Holiday Stroll: Dec. 3, 4, 10 and 11, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: Emeryville wholesalers and local craftspeople at 26 locations.

AIDS Day: Dec. 1, 5 p.m.: "For Wisdom and Wholeness: An Interfaith Observation of World AIDS Day," on Sproul Plaza at the University of California.

FCC Protest: Dec. 2, 2-9 a.m.: Protest against preliminary injunction against Stephen Dunifer of Free Radio Berkeley. Call 464-3041.

Harvest Fair & Protest: Dec. 3, noon - 5 p.m.: Sponsored by the Cannabis Action Network and California NORML. A protest against "Smoke a joint, lose your license" law. Call 486-5858.

Holiday Show and Sale: Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 and 19-24: Berkeley Potters' Guild presents the sale at 731 Jones St., Berkeley.

Women Artists: Dec. 2-4, 9-11, and 16-18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.: 5th Annual Holiday Art Show & Sale. 1500 Park Ave., Emeryville.

Barnes & Noble: Dec. 1: Adam Kufeld, *Cuba*. Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley. 644-0861.

Poetry at Cody's: Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.: Anna Davidson Rosenberg Award Reading for Poems on the Jewish Experience. 2454 Telegraph

Ave., Berkeley. Upstairs, Free. Call 845-7852.

Women's Poetry Reading: Nov. 28, 7 p.m.: The Long Haul, 3124 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 654-7574.

Black Oak Books: Readings, Dec. 4: William Neil and Peter Medley, *Yosemite: The Promise of Wilderness*; Dec. 5: Jim Rogers, *Investment Biker*; Dec. 6: Robert Pinsky, *The Inferno of Dante: A New Verse Translation*; Dec. 7: Stephen Batchelor, *The Awakening of the West: The Encounter of Buddhism and Western Culture*; Dec. 8: Valerie Miner, *A Walking Fire*. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. Free. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

Gaia Bookstore: Dec. 2: Sark, *Living Juicy*. All events at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 548-4172.

La Tienda: Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.: Susan Ito, Victoria Manyarrows, Julia Rodriguez and Thelma Selo, *Two Worlds Walking*, a collection of essays, short stories, poems and memoirs. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568.

M.C. Newburn/Books: Through Dec. 4: Mystery readers pre-Christmas gift special. 950 San Pablo Ave., Albany.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Dec. 4: 8:30 a.m.: Ross Rumble, call (415) 453-4367; 9:30 a.m.: Mini hike, Contra Costa Conundrum, call 934-0458.

Contra Costa Hills Club: Dec. 8: Marin County hike at Fort Cronkhite, call 934-5924.

Marmot Mountain Works: Dec. 6, 7 p.m.: "Trekking in Bhutan" with Kathryn Levenson and Peggy Day. 3049 Adeline St., Berkeley. Call 849-0735.

REI: Dec. 1: Memoirs of a Mountain Guide; Dec. 8: A World in One Country: Travels in Costa Rica. All lectures 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Strawberry Canyon Rec: Presents Winter Youth Programs in basketball, fencing, golf, La Crosse, racquetball, soccer, table tennis, tennis, weight training. Call 643-6720.

Ecology Center: Dec. 3, 10 and 17: Holiday crafts fair at the Saturday Berkeley Farmers' Market. Call 548-3333.

S.F. Fern Society: Dec. 7, 6:30 p.m.: Meets in The Club Room of the Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, 9th Avenue and Lincoln Way entrance. "Transplanting Spores."

UC Botanical Garden: Dec. 3: Plant Sale, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Call 642-3343.

Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: Dec. 3, 8 p.m.:

"Free Speech Activism in Communications Media" public forum. 1606 Cedar, at Bonita, in Berkeley. Call.

Chabad of the East Bay: Dec. 4, 4 p.m.: Sponsors a public Menorah lighting ceremony celebrating Chanukah to take place across from Nordstrom's at the fountain at Broadway Plaza in Walnut Creek. Call 540-5824.

The Grace Institute for Religious Learning: Dec. 4, noon - 4 p.m.: Enjoy the homemade soups, baked goods and Christmas gifts at the white elephant sale. 2138 Cedar at Walnut in Berkeley. Call 548-2153.

Graduate Theological Union: Dec. 8, 8 p.m.: "From Jerusalem to the Bay Area: Christian and Jewish Perspectives on Multiculturalism" by Dr. David Hartman. 2798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley. Call 649-2400.

Jewish Community Services: Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.: "Holiday Stress for Interfaith Families" by Barbara Steinberg. 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 935-0991.

St. John's Presbyterian Women: Dec. 8, 11:30 a.m.: Meeting features June Browne, soprano and instrumentalist. Call 848-1350 or 527-3052. 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

Temple Beth Hillel: Dec. 4, noon - 3 p.m.: Chanukah Latka party. 801 Park Central at Hilltop exit. 223-2560.

Albany YMCA: Dec. 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.: Giant Garage Sale; Friday Folkdancers meet weekly, 8-11 p.m. For information call 848-5289. 921 Kains Ave., Albany. Call 525-1130.

Berkeley Folk Dancers: International folk dance lessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

Vista Community College: Dec. 3, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.: "Selling Tours and Packages." 2020 Milvia, room 3030, Berkeley. Call 841-8431 ext. 267.

Berkeley Community Law Center: Dec. 7, 6 p.m.: Tenant and housing community clinic. Call 548-4040.

The Buddy Club: Dec. 4, 11 a.m.: Jim Beatty's Happy Clown Theatre and Singer Randy McCommons. 7007 Mooser Lane, El Cerrito. Call 215-4377.

City Commons Club: Dec. 2, noon: "Paths for the United Nations: World Order and the Law," by Robert Gauntt, professor of Mathematics (retired), CSU Fullerton, and vice president, World Federalists Association. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

International House: Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.: "Faces of Hope," slide show/presentation on orphan and refugee children from the former Yugoslavian

territories; Dec. 2 and 3: Berkeley Free Speech Movement 30th Anniversary reunion. UC-Berkeley campus. Call 642-9460.

Kensington Senior Activity Center: Dec. 8, 11 a.m.: Graphoanalyst Steve Kendall, "What Your Handwriting Reveals About You." Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington, Kensington. Call 526-9146.

Mended Hearts Ch. 188: Dec. 3, 9:30 a.m.: Meets at Kaiser hospital, 280 West Mac Arthur Blvd., Oakland, 12th floor, conference room C. Dr. Alex Kronstadt will speak on "The Healing Mind: A Brief Introduction to CCC (Calm, Caring, Consciousness.)" Call 845-2535.

Mujeres Unidas: Dec. 2, 7 p.m.: Chanukah party fund-raiser for yearly women's summer camp. Call (415) 285-2168.

Retired Public Employees Assoc., Ch. 51: Dec. 8, noon: Christmas party at the Elks Club, 3931 San Pablo Dam Road, El Sobrante. Call 526-2351 for reservations.

Retired Teachers Assoc., Div. 58: Dec. 6, noon: Daniel Parkerson will present Singers and Dancers from Pinole High at the Christmas meeting. 32nd and Barrett Avenue, Richmond. Call 232-3656, 234-9021 or 235-3988 by Dec. 2.

S.F. Society for Lacanian Studies: Dec. 2, 8 p.m.: Dr. Friedlander will speak on "Resistance to Language/Surrender to Language: A Case Study." 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. Exhibits

ACCI: "Jole de Vivre" ACCI's first holiday gift show runs through Dec. 30. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-2527.

Albany Library: "Wood is Wonderful," an exhibit featuring Holgate toys from yesterday and today runs Dec. 5 through Dec. 31. 1247 Marin Ave., Albany. Call 526-3720.

Berkeley Artist: Leon Saperstein - photographs, through Dec. 31. Cafe Kati, 1963 Sutter St., San Francisco. Call (415) 775-7313.

Berkeley Historical Society Museum: "Drop Me A Line: A Postcard Review," runs through April 1. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. Call 848-0181.

New Pieces: "Shades of Difference," an exhibit of quilts by Susan Friedland and Rebecca Rohrke opens with a reception Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. and runs through Jan. 4. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 527-6779.

Nexus Gallery: Oakland glass artists on exhibit Dec. 3 through 24. 2701 8th St., Berkeley. Call 832-8380.

NIAD: "Floor Cloths and More" runs through Dec. 31 at Creative Spirit Gallery in Ghirardelli Square, 900

North Point St., San Francisco. (415) 441-1537. Dec. 3, 11 a.m. reception for the 3rd Annual The Heart Holiday Fair. The fair runs through Dec. 30 at 550 Richmond. Call 620-0290.

Refractions: "Impressions Sante Fe," an exhibit of photos by Susan Bettelheim opens and runs through Jan. 7 at Pablo Ave., #105, Albany. Call 8664.

Richmond Art Center: Arts Festival and Auction noon - 4 p.m. The auction is now through Dec. 4. Call Plaza, 25th Street and Avenue, Richmond. Call 820-0200.

Strawberry Creek Center: "Susan Brooks & Co. Shanks - Holiday Open Studio" Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and Addison St., Studio 214, Albany. Call 845-2612.

Tattoo Archive: Through 1995: "Sailor Tattooing," a tradition that celebrates one of the traditions in the art of tattooing, especially navy tattoos, on view through Jan. 1995. Exhibition will show sailor tattoos around the world. 2804 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 548-5896.

University Lutheran Church: "Glories of the Lutheran Church" will be on view Jan. 22. 2425 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6230.

Support Groups and Salons

ASA-AMI: American Sonoma Association - Alliance for Mental Health holds a family meeting Dec. 7, from 7-9 p.m. the Claremont Branch Bookery, Meeting Room, 841-9301.

Center for Holistic Health: 7:30 p.m.: Larry Gertler presents "Surviving Stress and 5273 College Ave., Oakland 526-2302.

Overeaters Anonymous: (rto) meets Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton. 273-9282.

Secular Organizations: briefly meets Mondays and -9 p.m. in Berkeley at 608 Aquatic Park, 814-2221.

Sibling Support Group: forming for siblings, 7 and 10 children with special needs.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds: bi weekly - meets each Monday at 9:30 a.m. at 980 Stagg Ave., Albany. Call 526-8423 or 2221.

Women Over 40: Support for single women - good conversation and conversation. Call 526-8423.

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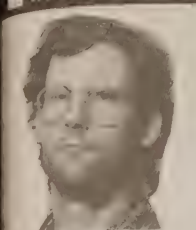
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In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Eye on the hoop

The football season ended with a bang for most teams, the latest being Berkeley High's phenomenal season which moved the school from 2-8 last year to 9-3 this year.

Watching the game last Saturday on a cold night at Burrell Field in San Leandro, it was impossible to think anything except that Berkeley was the better team and was going to win. Had one of a few bounces gone the Jackets' way they could be playing De La Salle this weekend, trying to at least play a decent game against an unbeatable team like the Spartans.

Never have I seen a team with as much momentum as Berkeley did go for it from deep in its own territory with so much game as Berkeley did on fourth-and-one from its own 26. It was a play that could have been the start of a big scoring drive and in a way it was, for James Logan. It ended the game for Berkeley, but gave the Colts the feeling they could win it and they did.

NOW IT'S BASKETBALL TIME and we are in for a treat this season with some local teams that are among the best in the

El Cerrito should be the great surprise, although no one would be fooled at this point. The Gauchos picked up 6-foot-8-inch leaguer Marcel Davis from St. Mary's, not the first in a major league of players switching schools this season.

High school is looking more like professional leagues than the status set up for this level of students who used to sit out a season because of a transfer usually the go-ahead to play now.

The El Cerrito girls lost Denise Woods to Holy Names and Calvin Hill left St. Joseph for Belmont of Oakland. It's free agency with nothing in return for teams that lose players and no consequences for a player who leaves his or her team is not anywhere or the coach is a

Coach O'Dowd coach Mike says was saying El Cerrito had only one thing last year, a team to complement the faster players like Raymond "Circus" King and the 18-point-per-game players. Davis is just what the coach doctor ordered on a team that could win a Division II title.

El Cerrito could be better than O'Dowd and St. Joseph, but the Pilots have a lot of talent and O'Dowd has lost two players back from its team of last year, and teams have 6-8 players.

It is the first look week for the O'Dowd had a monster week this week with Balboa and Jordan, while El Cerrito was strong during the preseason at Berkeley's West Coast Shootout. Berkeley fell to O'Dowd in the West Coast opener last year, but the Jackets are already 3-0 on the road over Burton and McAteer in the city and James Logan, but before the football team ended.

Interestingly enough, El Cerrito will not play Division I in the NCS playoffs come January, so the matches against O'Dowd and St. Joseph will not be that much to those teams. Comparison shopping will be the order of the day. Berkeley El Cerrito in the last game and the Gauchos O'Dowd and St. Joseph primary, giving those teams a sense of how they will fare against each other come North time.

Jacket loss

Great (9-3) season ends at semifinals

By Peter Mentor

It was a year that turned around a football program and it was one play that ended it all for Berkeley Saturday night as the Jackets lost 12-7 to James Logan.

The Yellowjackets had their best season in years and watched as it all ended before their eyes at the North Coast Section 3 semifinal contest at Burrell Field in San Leandro.

This was a game Berkeley should have won, but a number of big plays didn't go the Jackets' way.

None was bigger than the fourth-and-one call late in the third quarter when Berkeley, leading 7-6, went for it from its own 26-yard line and running back J'Juan Cherry was stopped short by a foot.

Logan took over on downs and gave the ball to running back Jackie Crooks, who ran six times on an eight-play drive. Crooks scored from four yards out on fourth-and-two situation for a 12-7 lead with 43 seconds left in the third quarter.

The conversion attempt was stopped, but Berkeley failed to score on its one possession in the fourth quarter and the season ended at 9-3 for the Yellowjackets.

Berkeley's attempt would have gone down as the gutsiest play in the history of the school had it worked, but it didn't.

"It was a situation in the game where we needed some momentum," said Berkeley coach Mike Tuiasosopo. "We'd done it before. If we didn't get it, it was an opportunity for us to get some defense. If we went back to that fourth and one we'd do it again."

It's important to see that this play was a turning point in the game and the season, but it did not lose the game for Berkeley. There was still plenty of time for the Jackets to get back into it.

In the fourth quarter Berkeley drove to the Colts' 14, but a 13-yard sack on Jacket quarterback Prentice Walker pushed the ball back to the 22. Berkeley attempted a field goal and missed wide left.

Then came another important play that let the air out of Berkeley's chances. The Jackets corralled the Colts

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Berkeley quarterback Prentice Walker scored the only TD against Logan

Jeff Lindquist

Five key plays

Play 1: In the first quarter the James Logan team fumbled and recovered the ball, and Berkeley junior James Ragon was called for a late hit that kept the Colts alive in their first scoring drive.

Play 2: In the second quarter the officials missed an offside call and let the play go. Berkeley's J'Juan Cherry ran and fumbled up field on the play. Even though he put a hand on the ball and may have been down,

the officials gave the ball to James Logan.

Play 3: Prentice Walker's second pass of the game was intercepted by Logan to end Berkeley's drive and finish up the first half.

Play 4: Cherry slipped on his second carry of the third quarter and he had to leave the game with a leg cramp. Diondre Winstad picked up two yards in Cherry's place, setting up the fateful fourth-and-one.

Play 5: Rashidi Barnes offside error and

Cherry's facemask call plus a charged timeout for an injury gave Berkeley no protection against the clock, and time was the one thing that the Jackets needed at the end.

So James Logan (10-2) goes to the 3A Championship game against De La Salle (12-0) this Saturday at the Oakland Coliseum, while Berkeley turns in the uniforms.



Jeff Lindquist

Cisco Schaaf and Jonevan Hornsby competed at the state meet in Fresno.

Runners thinking spring

By Peter Mentor

St. Mary's seniors Jonevan Hornsby and Cisco Schaaf competed in the last high school cross country race they will ever run at the CIF Toyota State Championships Saturday at Woodward Park in Fresno.

Hornsby finished 13th in 16:31 on the rolling 3.1-mile course, missing the all-state list by 13 seconds and three places in Division IV.

Hornsby dropped 10 seconds from the time he ran at the Clovis Invitational held on the same course earlier this season. He also beat out Piedmont's top runner, senior David Rhodes, by three places.

Piedmont had its entire team at the race and finished tied for third in Division IV.

Schaaf, a runner whom no one expected to even be at the State Meet, had to overcome pre-race jitters but completed a great personal season for himself by placing 49th in 17:21.

Schaaf had reason to be edgy: race officials did not have his name in the book and there was no number reserved for the Panther harrier.

It was the kind of thing that runners dream about in scary nightmares along with forgetting their running shoes or showing up with no shorts.

Schaaf ran slower than a previous race he had run on the course in the Clovis meet, but it was an honor for him even to be at the State Meet.

For Hornsby it was more of a relief that cross country is over. The senior used the sport more as a springboard for the track season, where St. Mary's coach Francis Mason is expecting him to do great things.

"Jonevan was relieved cross country was over," said Mason. "He did what he had to do in terms of cross country. It will pay off tremendously in the half mile and mile."

Mason feels Hornsby can lower his mile time from 4:23 to 4:15 this spring and run a 1:52 in the 800-meter race. A good time in the 800 could help get him a scholarship to college.

Schaaf runs the 2-mile race in track, and Mason said he is hoping his runner can run a sub-10-minute in that race.

Coaching change

Mason said he may step aside from the full responsibilities of coaching the team next year although he does want to be involved in the program, especially with girls coming to the school next year.

Mike Whamond, a volunteer assistant this year, could take over more of the coaching duties next fall. Whamond was a 1:59 800 runner at Georgetown who Mason feels can bring dedication to the sport that should help the team.

Tall expectations for Gauchos

By Scott Kaplan

This is a public service announcement to fair-weather hoop junkies everywhere:

Get on the El Cerrito high school bandwagon now. Very simply, the 1994-95 Gauchos are loaded.

When running down the El Cerrito starting five, you may well be looking at the all-league first team of the ACCAL.

It starts with senior Raymond "Circus" King. King is the Bay Area's premier player, and was ranked by one publication as the 34th best player in the nation.

Last season the 5-9 King missed almost a third of the season because of an ankle injury. In 1993-94 the mercurial playmaker averaged 14.8 points per game to go along with just under six assists a contest.

As a sophomore King was named California player of the year as he averaged 18 points and eight assists a game. King was also state freshman of the year.

While his regular season wasn't terrific, King was pivotal in helping the Gauchos win seven of their last nine. In 1993-94 El Cerrito went 20-11 and came within an eyelash of making the Division II Northern California playoffs.

In NCS games versus Monte Vista and San Ramon Valley, King hit for 33 and 28 points respectively, while bombing in a total of 10 three pointers.

King also added 18 points in El Cerrito's stunning 61-59 ACCAL win over St. Joseph. Last week in a 48-minute scrimmage with Marin Catholic King scored 38 points and hit eight three's.

Academically King doesn't miss a beat with a 3.57 grade point average.

As if King's presence wasn't enough El Cerrito has two monster transfers, Marcel Davis a 6-7 All-leaguer from St. Mary's and Damon Lee a 6-4 swing man from Carlmont High of Belmont.

Last season Davis poured in 17 points and a league-high 12 rebounds per game. Davis has known King for several years, and this summer the two played together in the Nike ABCD camp in New York. The Nike ABCD camp is the top invitational camp in the nation.

"I could dominate at St. Mary's," said Davis. "I went all league, put up big numbers and all that. Personally, I want to win, and if we find our

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Cougars missing offense

By Scott Kaplan

Last year senior Thomas Fairley transferred from Sacramento's Fairfield High to Albany.

With the addition of the All-league Fairley, the Cougar basketball team went 19-11 and received a bid in North Coast Section playoffs. Albany went 7-20 the year before Fairley's arrival.

As the 1994-95 Cougar hoop season begins this week, the high-flying, 6-5 forward has not arrived.

Along with the missing Fairley, center Dwane Chappelle graduated as well. The absence of the two All-ACCAL performers leaves the Cougars with a huge hole up front.

The likelihood of finding a comparable replacement isn't great. Thus

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Berkeley hosts basketball

Berkeley basketball is hosting its own West Coast Shootout this week with some of the best teams in the state playing, starting today and ending Saturday with the finals in Berkeley.

Action begins today p.m. when Southern California teams Manuel Arts and Cleveland of Racida meet in the opening game at 4 p.m., followed by El Cerrito and Harvard Westlake at 5:30 p.m. and J.W. North and San Mateo at 7 p.m.

Berkeley, which began the season at 3-0 with wins over Burton of San Francisco, McAteer and James Logan, has a bye in the first round of the tournament because one of the eight teams could not make it.

The Yellowjackets open tournament play Friday night in the late game at 7 against the winner of J.W. North and San Mateo.

Earlier games Friday have the loser of the Manual Arts-Cleveland game

playing the loser of El Cerrito and Harvard Westlake at 4 p.m., while the winners of those first round games play at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday has the consolation round at 2 p.m., the 3rd place game at 4 p.m. and the championship finals at 6 p.m.

THURSDAY

4 p.m. Manual Arts v. Cleveland
5:30 El Cerrito v. Harvard Westlake
7:00 J.W. North v. San Mateo

FRIDAY

4 p.m. Loser Manual Arts/Cleveland v. Loser El Cerrito/Harvard
5:30 Winner Manual Arts/Cleveland v. Winner El Cerrito/Harvard
7 p.m. Berkeley v. winner J.W. North/San Mateo

SATURDAY

2 p.m. Consolation Round
4:30 Third Place Game
6 p.m. Championship Game

Rabens wins Pro Kennex singles title

By Peter Mentor

Andrew Rabens held off Bryce Tom in a tough 6-2 set to win the Pro Kennex Junior League singles title held at the Martin Luther King Junior High School and the Head-Royce School courts.

Rabens, a Berkeley resident and sixth-grader at the Head Royce School in Oakland, won all three of his tournament finals matches by scores of 6-2 to take the singles title in the season-ending tournament.

Rabens beat Aztec tennis player Jesse Karp 6-2 in the quarterfinals, then knocked off Elmhurst Tennis Club player Antonio Venegas in the semifinals to reach the finals against Tom.

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Free clinic Sunday

Pro Kennex is holding a special Christmas Junior Tennis Clinic at the Martin Luther King Junior High courts in Berkeley this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The clinic will be taught by local teaching pros volunteering their time and is free to all who attend. For more information call Carl Jones at 548-1954 or Bob Manalo at 531-9551.

Jackets

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and Logan was set up to punt, but Rashidi Barnes jumped offside giving the Colts another set of downs with more than six minutes left.

Logan got three first downs on the drive, one on a face mask call on Cherry, and the Colts were able to carve enough time off the clock to be able to kneel away the last minute of play. Logan coach Neal Fromson said it was a game that came down to five or 10 plays. He was right.

Game, season to remember

This was a difficult way to end an otherwise great season for the Jackets. Berkeley turned around from a 2-8 season last year to go farther than it had gone in 25 years to get to the NCS semifinals.

Gauchos

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chemistry I think we can go to the state championships." Lee isn't as familiar of a name to people in this area as Davis, who played across town.

Lee, however, is an all-league caliber player hands down — he possesses quickness and is a very good outside shooter.

Three-year starter Maceo Thomas will flank King in the back court at two-guard. Thomas went All-ACCAL last season behind the strength of his 16-point-per-game average. One of the most underrated players around, Thomas is pure shooter and an excellent ball handler.

Davood Asgari (6-5) rounds out El Cerrito's starting five. Asgari averaged 8.5 points, and 4.5 rebounds a game last season.

Two-guard/small forward Quincy Williams (10 points

The last game had highlights from the offense and defense that need to be mentioned.

Cherry, a senior playing in his last high school game, ran 22 times for 162 yards and played well on defense.

Walker, another departing senior, scored the only touchdown for Berkeley when he ran six yards and dove just inside the end zone marker. The PAT made it 7-0 at 3:53 in the first quarter.

Logan scored on its second possession of the game when Crooks ran it in from one yard out, but the kick went wide and Berkeley still led 7-6.

Seniors Na'eem Perry and Hanibal Navies and the junior Barnes each made good defensive plays to keep Logan at bay in the first half. Navies had a blocked pass and a sack and Barnes had a sack all on the same series

while Perry made some solid stops.

The Jacket defense worked in the second half, but trying to stop a team on a drive that starts at your own 26 is a tough call and it was the difference in the game.

Crooks ran the ball 41 times and picked up 191 yards and two touchdowns for James Logan, which was the other reason the Colts are going to the Super Bowl of high school football.

So long, farewell

Berkeley loses 26 seniors including the entire offensive line, the quarterback Walker and all-league running back Cherry from this team.

Nine juniors and a sophomore return, of those coming back, Barnes, Dilone Richards, Devin Martin, Will Atkins

and Ragon have experience. Tuasosopo is the new face of Berkeley as a power, the new undefeated home record on that field will help him to come out for the program. For now he is just proud of the way his players performed this year.

"These kids have achieved more than most in a lifetime," said Tuasosopo. "It was a dogfight, I knew it was going to be. Our guys played well."

Tuasosopo said it brings pride to the school and team make it to the NCS semifinals and finish in the Bay Valley Athletic League.

"It sets a standard," said Tuasosopo. "Hope kids who are at school will understand there is a standard. I'm really proud of our kids. There's tremendous courage and tremendous pride."

per game) might be the odd man out in the Gauchos starting line-up, and that alone is scary. Williams could easily be a 16-20 point scorer for a lesser team, but due to the arrival of Lee, Williams could be supplanted from the three position.

"We have guys that can score from anywhere on the court," said Gauchos coach Chris Huber. "We still have to be able to stop the other team, so I think defense is the key for us."

Huber is correct indeed. In the scrimmage versus Marin Catholic, El Cerrito's defense was at times sporadic, especially in the interior.

"Tonight we came out and the guys were juiced up and were playing good defense and we scored five quick layups," said Huber. "But the key is to maintain that effort and not quit."

Last season, after giving up a season-high 96 points in a loss to St. Joseph, the Gauchos went on their late tear. Three days after the 96-70 loss, El Cerrito upended those same Pilots.

From that point of the season the Gauchos defense played superbly, especially strong in their ability to deny the ball in the low post.

In the ACCAL Powerhouse championship game against Albany, El Cerrito forced 20 Cougar turnovers and held Albany to 39 points. The Gauchos also contained San Ramon Valley's Stanford-bound center Mark Madsen to 16 points (seven under his average).

Most notably what this El Cerrito team possesses that is different than past Gaucho teams is size. Along with Davis and Asgari, 6-4 St. Mary's transfer Matt Johnson gives El Cerrito a definite physical presence down low.

Last season Asgari was El Cerrito's lone player to score 20 points in a game.

The Gauchos bench appears strong with Williams being the sixth man.

Other players off the pine that should receive some time are Johnson, Mike Seals, Jamar Collins, Marshman, Charles Irving and Nez Gaskin.

It appears that if the Gauchos are to advance to the postseason, defending NCS champ Amador Valley team to be reckoned with. Amador Valley is ranked in the state by Student Sports Magazine and is a forward Steve Fleming and guard Craig Jimenez.

When asked if his team "could play with Amador Valley?", King had the expected yet very confident response.

"Ha! Can Amador Valley play with us?"

Cougars

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the prospects of this year's team are fairly (no pun intended) modest.

"We're definitely in trouble in terms of rebounding and offense down low," said Albany coach Doug Kagawa. "We just don't have the size and the 4 and 5 positions, like we did last year with Dwane and Thomas."

Last season Chappelle poured in 17 points and 7 rebounds per game. Fairly, a power forward, tossed in 13 points and 11 rebounds a contest.

Help up front could come in the form of three-year letterman Brandon Johnson. Kagawa also has three 6-2 forwards at his disposal in seniors Chris Hawkins and Sean Pippen and junior Terrance McLaney.

Tennis

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Tom, who plays for Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley School, defeated Ned Patterson of the Oakland Hills Swim and Tennis Club 6-2 in the quarterfinals, then won a tie-breaking semifinal match 7-6 (4) against Matt Harada of the Martin Luther King School to reach the finals.

Rabens had the edge in the singles finals against Tom, but it was a close match with hard-fought points.

The singles match play followed Pro Kennex Junior League play rules with one set deciding the winner, while the doubles matches were on a best-of-three format.

Elmhurst had two teams in the doubles finals with Carlos Elenas and Williams Sneed coming back to win in a third-set tie-breaker 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) over teammates Dale Evans and Nathan Simpson in one of the wildest matches of the entire tournament.

The event attracted over 50 players from around the East Bay from as far north as Kensington and as far south as 98th Ave. in Oakland and concluded the sixth season of the Pro Kennex Junior League.

The next season for the league is Spring 1995, beginning April 7 and ending June 3. Anyone interested in the spring season can contact Carl

With a seemingly soft frontline, eyes then turn the back court, as well they should.

At the off-guard/small forward position is Jon Sanger, a three-year starter. Sanger was just named by Student Sports magazine as first-team all-state in division IV.

In 1993-94 Sanger averaged 15 points per game. Two years ago as a sophomore, the 6-3 Sanger was a unanimous all-leaguer in the now-defunct ESAL.

Versatility is Sanger's trademark.

If Sanger's going up against a small-quick team he'll take it to the hole, or simply bury a 24-footer over his defender. While Sanger's light years away from being a Raymond King, he's a capable ball-handler.

"Jon should have a good year," said Kagawa. "He'll

probably carry us through some games with his size and ability to play all five spots."

Guard Jed Silver is gone and while that creates a drop off defensively, you can expect more offensive production from several seniors.

Andre Rabb-Patterson is a likely starter. Rabb-Patterson along with Nate Gathegi saw limited action last season but still managed to bury more three-pointers (9) than last years starting backcourt combined (5).

Other potential contributors are Marc Souza, Tony Leonard, James McKinney, and sophomore Danny Christopher.

McKinney is a potential sleeper.

As a junior McKinney started for a solid Albany J.V.

squad. McKinney is the teams' best athlete, especially on the

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Eligibility is a concern for Kagawa, as the season of his returning starters is uncertain.

This season Albany plays a lengthy 14-game league schedule which includes the Tennessee, Richmond invitational tournaments, Albany's perennial NCS powers Montgomery and California.

In the oversized ACCAL, the Cougars will play against each team once. El Cerrito, Bishop O'Donnell, St. Joseph are the obvious teams to beat.

"It will be difficult for us this year, but we're going to do the best with what we've got," said Kagawa. "We deal with mistakes as long as we play aggressive."

Jones at 548-1954 or Bob Manalo at 531-9551 for more information.

Final standings

The Berkeley Tennis Club and Oakland Hills Tennis Club tied at 4-1 in the Black Ace Division, followed by Kensington (3-2), Martin Luther King Junior High (2-3) and Ecole Bilingue (0-5).

In the Silver Ace Division it was Elmhurst placing first with a perfect 5-0 record, followed by the Head Royce School and Claremont Head in a tie for second at 3-2. Aztec Tennis Club was fourth at 1-4 and Bently School was 0-5.



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Gerard Nolot

The ensemble **Fua Dia Congo** performs Sunday at the Alice Arts Center in downtown Oakland.

African dance, music, mime and poetry

The Oakland-based troupe **Fua Dia Congo** presents the full-length dance production *Malaki Matanga* at 3 p.m. Sunday at the Alice Arts Center. The piece, by choreographer **Malonga Casquelourd**, is a collage of Central African sacred dance, mime, music and poetry based on the stories of the dances themselves and the African heritage. Also featured is a segment by **Diatia Diata**, the all-female African dance ensemble, and an appearance by the **EBCPA Youth West African Music & Dance Ensemble**. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$5 at the door. Call 562-0831 for more details. The Alice Arts Center is at 1428 Alice St., Oakland.

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra presents three free concerts

Arlene Sagan directs the **Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra** in a program consisting of a *Te Deum* by Mozart and one by **Arvo Pärt**, William Grant Still's *Christmas in the Western World*, and *Myth's Cello Concerto* in D with cellist **Matthew Owens**. (William Grant Still's daughter, Judith, will give a preconcert talk at 7:30 p.m. before the first concert.) The three concerts are at 8 p.m. this Saturday at St. Joseph the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley; at 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the First Congregational Church, Dana and Grant, Berkeley; and at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, again at St. Joseph the Worker Church. For more details, call 525-5393.

'A Christmas Carol' at Mills College

For the ninth year, the **Mills College Theatre** presents Dickens' *Christmas Carol* with a multicultural cast drawn from Mills and the East Bay. "Experience a bygone Londontown where fog swirls slowly as the stage, flickering streetlights illuminate softly falling snow, like a lifetime Advent calendar, each building opens to reveal the story inside." Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2, 3, 10 and 17; and at 1 p.m. Dec. 4, 11 and 18, all at Lissner Hall at Mills College, 5000 Arthur Blvd., Oakland. Tickets are \$7 (\$5 seniors/students, \$4 kids 12). Call 430-3308 for reservations.

Museum celebrates winter festivals

The **Oakland Museum's** "Winterfest: A Celebration of Family Traditions" is Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Craft activities, storytelling and special displays explore such winter family festivals as the African-American Kwanzaa, Japanese New Year, Swedish St. Lucia's Day, Mexican Las Posadas and Jewish Hanukkah. **Jan Seagrave** tells California Indian winter tales from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Lanny Pinola** tells California Indian winter tales from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Suggested admission is \$4 (\$2 seniors/students). The museum is at 1000 10th streets. For more details, call 238-3401.

Chamber concerts: a choice of 14th-century or Renaissance music

The Trinity Chamber Concerts continue this weekend with a performance at 8 p.m. Saturday by **Morley or Less: An Early Christmas Celebration**, featuring medieval and Renaissance Christmas songs with instrumental accompaniment. At 2:30 p.m. Sunday, the chamber ensemble **Montage** performs music by Milhaud, Prokofiev, Vaughan Williams and others. Admission is by donation. The concerts are at the Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 549-3864 for details.

20th centuries of flute music

David Barnett and Frances, experts on the recorder and historic flute, are performing as **Duo Fricketoodling**, present music from the 16th to 20th centuries at 8 p.m. tomorrow at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. The program includes works by Monteverdi, Jacques Hotteterre (1680-1761), Bay Area composer **Larry Mann**, duos from the Fairfax manuscript (ca. 1500), 14th-century lute songs and duets by Britten and Grainger. Tickets are \$10 (\$8 seniors/students/Albany residents). Call 753-0361 for reservations.

Program of Bach harpsichord music

The keyboard concerts presented by **MusicSources** continue Sunday at 5 p.m. with a performance by harpsichordist **Katherine Silver** of toccatas and sonatas by J.S. Bach. A reception and a chance to see the MusicSources center and collection of historic instruments follow the concert. Tickets are \$15 (\$12 seniors/students). MusicSources, 1400 Alameda, Berkeley. Call 528-1685 for reservations.

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More events

Nights at the opera—

The Baptist and the madwoman

■ **Domingo as John the Baptist; Ruth Ann Swenson as the bride of Lammermoor.**

By Don McConnell

We're well into the super-star part of the season at the San Francisco Opera. People have been flying into town and calling in favors to hear Placido Domingo try his first John the Baptists in *Hérodiade*; the same has been going on at a lesser level to hear Samuel Ramey repeat his 1989 star turn as Mefistofele in the opera of that name.

Slightly better informed fans had been looking forward to appearances by two other singers, both of whom are likely to be top-level stars very soon. (By the time singers reach the pinnacle of stardom, they're often on the down-slope of their careers—a generality borne out by the appearance with Ramey of Aprile Millo.) The two are Renee Fleming, who sang Salome to Domingo's Baptist, and Ruth Ann Swenson, who is letting local audiences hear her in *Lucia di Lammermoor* for the first time.

Swenson has grown up professionally in front of Bay Area audiences; this is her eighth role in 11 years. Four of them have caused sensations of an escalating degree. Two years ago, she appeared as Adina in Donizetti's *Elisir d'Amore*, an opera whose main purpose is to capitalize on a sensational soprano.

At that point, her voice seemed to have fully flowered. Swenson combines a vocal texture of indescribable beauty with a dexterity at coloratura singing the equal of any. Either one is enough for a major career; the combination is unmatched on the current opera scene.

That said, for several years Swenson has been making a transition that has worried her fans, pushing her voice to fill the huge spaces of the major opera houses, which also lets her take on heavier roles—tragic heroines as well as soubrettes. The transition is nearly complete with *Lucia*, which left some listeners believing she'll soon be ready for *Norma*. Few would have expected that after hearing her girlish Juliette in the late '80s.

Frankly, something has been lost along the way, a certain honey-eyed lightness is less often heard. But the powerful sound that is now Swenson's main instrument is still perfectly beautiful.

Lucia: close to perfect

Donizetti's tragedies are less satisfying than his comedies, partly because he uses the same sprightly oompah music no matter what the occasion. His *L'Elisir* two years ago, and his *Daughter of the Regiment* last year were delightful pretty much non-stop—with slapstick comedy filling in the few scenes where the stars weren't showing off. *Lucia* fills those same gaps with choruses of soldiers and saber rattling by their commanders.

Lucia makes her effect in two mammoth scenes (15 to 20 minutes each), the fountain scene in act I and the mad scene in act III. In both Swenson left her audience gaping, especially in the latter. *Lucia's* mad scene is the best-known coloratura set piece, and I question if it's ever been better done.

You also need a tenor for *Lucia*; for one thing, the soprano



Larry Markle

Ruth Ann Swenson in the mad scene from 'Lucia di Lammermoor': Could it be done any better?

dies a good 20 minutes before the end of the opera. Marcello Giordani was nearly up to the competition with Swenson, which means he was very good indeed. His death scene, right after

The remaining performances of *Lucia* are tomorrow, Sunday, Thursday and the following Sunday (Nov. 29, Dec. 2, 4, 8, 11).

Hérodiade: a museum piece

The to-do about *Hérodiade* was far greater than about *Lucia*, but what a letdown it turned out to be. The 1881 opera by Massenet has never been performed at the Met, and this was its first time at S.F. Opera, and after seeing the piece, its neglect is no mystery. It's plausible that we could accept another version of the Salome tale besides the necrophiliac Oscar Wilde tale set by Richard Strauss, but would it be this one, in which Salome is a sort of groupie for the Baptist and he returns her love?

The production didn't help any. Its goal seemed to be to revisit the era (1920 to 1940)

when *Hérodiade* was performed fairly regularly.

It's always puzzled me that photos of opera productions before about 1960 have made them seem so ugly; and very often the costumes made the singers appear fat and ridiculous. That practice was revived in Maria-Luise Walek's costumes for *Hérodiade*. Fleming as Salome wore enough beads and filmy drapery to double her bulk. Even worse served was Domingo as the Baptist, with limp, stringy hair that made him look like Tiny Tim with jowls (that's the Tiny Tim of the ukelele, not the Dickens character).

The rest of the production had problems as well. The bacchanale in act III was below professional level in both choreography and

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Fleming wore enough beads and drapery to double her bulk; Domingo looked like Tiny Tim with jowls.

Lucia's, had no sense of anticlimax. The same couldn't be said of Roberto Servile, making his U.S. debut in the baritone role of Enrico, *Lucia's* brother. He has about two-thirds of a thrilling voice, with an unappealing lower range. Alastair Miles was much stronger in the bass role of Raimondo, *Lucia's* tutor.

The production, one of seven new ones created this season by resident designer Gerard Howland, was his best so far. In a stroke reminiscent of M.C. Escher, Howland pitches a gothic courtyard on its side, with the back of the stage being the skyward view. The set was used throughout, disguised by lighting and props so that it could be an interior banquet hall or a graveyard.

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East Bay Events continued



The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir performs Saturday at the Paramount Theatre.

Interfaith Gospel Choir sings Saturday

The Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir presents its ninth annual Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Paramount Theatre. The choir, directed by **Terrance Kelly**, has been featured on two Linda Ronstadt CDs, one by Hammer, and upcoming CDs with the Kronos Quartet and with Bobby McFerrin. The choir is a "multiracial, interdenominational group of 55 vocalists united in their love of gospel music." On Saturday the choir will be accompanied by **Ed Kelly**, pianist-composer **Ellen Hoffman**, keyboardist **Jeffrey Robinson**, bassist **David Belove** and drummer **Juan Forte**.

Tickets are \$15 (\$10 seniors/young children). Call 465-6400 or 762-BASS for reservations. The Paramount is at 2025 Broadway, Oakland.

Cantare Con Vivo sings of 'Peace on Earth'

The chorus **Cantare Con Vivo** opens its eighth season with two concerts of ancient and modern Christmas music. The program includes works by Tomas Luis de Victoria, Verdi, Vivaldi, and Schönberg, plus carols and contemporary works.

The concerts are at 8 p.m. tomorrow at the First Unitarian Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington; and at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette. Tickets are \$8 (\$6 seniors/students) at the door. Call 547-4260 for more details.

Pianist Julian White at the Maybeck

Pianist **Julian White** plays a program of Chopin, Beethoven and others at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall, 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Tickets are \$25. Call 848-3228 for reservations.

'Messiah' Sing at UC-Berkeley

Michael Morgan, music director of the Oakland East Bay Symphony, will lead you and others in the 14th annual 'Messiah Sing' at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. The orchestra will be drawn from the **University Symphony** plus members of UC's **Young Musicians Program**, for which the event is a benefit. The soloists are sopranos **Jeannine Anderson**, **Tiffany Lucas** and **Ji Seon Song**; mezzo-soprano **Edith Dowd**; tenor **Albert Shen**; and bass **David Tigner**. Tickets are \$10; call 642-9988 for reservations. (Any left over can be bought at Hertz Hall before the performance.) Bring your own score if you have one (a few loaners will be available).

Christmas at La Peña

Celebrate a Venezuelan Christmas with **Grupo Campana** at 8 p.m. Friday. *Gaitas, aguinaldos, villancicos, parranda, tamborera y más.* \$7. At 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, it's **Dr. Loco's Jalapeño Band**. Dr. Loco (José Cuellar) plays tenor sax and specializes in Latin music (\$8). On Sunday from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., it's a preview of the **Bay Revels Masoamerican Solstice Celebration** including **Huehueltl**, a dance and instrumental group from Mexico City; and **Angélica Aragón**, star of TV's *Al Final del Puente* (\$5). At 6 p.m. on Monday, the Latin American music ensemble **Arauco** performs at a dinner to welcome the Chilean ensemble **Inti-Ilumani**; the dinner by **Horacio Durán** and Chilean chef **Hugo Brenni** is a benefit for Chile's **Victor Jara Foundation** (\$15).

All these are at La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Call 849-2568 for reservations or details.

Free concert by Collegium Musicum

The **Collegium Musicum** at UC-Berkeley, directed by **David Taylor**, presents a free concert that features Corelli's *Christmas Concerto* and works by Monteverdi, Uccellini and Strozzi. It's at 8 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 8, at Hertz Hall on the UC campus. Call 642-4864 if you need more details.

Philharmonia Baroque presents J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio

Nicholas McGegan leads the **Philharmonia Baroque**, joined by **Robert Geary's Baroque Choral Guild**, in Bach's *Christmas Oratorio* at 8 p.m. Saturday at the First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way (at Dana), Berkeley. Tickets are \$20 to \$30; call (415) 392-4400. The program is repeated next Thursday, Dec. 8, at the Regional Center for the Arts, 1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek; call 943-7469.

Folk harp concert at Julia Morgan

Celtic harpist **Kim Robertson** performs seasonal and original pieces for the Celtic harp "celebrating the music of Celtic, American and European folk traditions" at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. Robertson will be joined by Gypsy violinist **Kim Angelis** and the contemporary Celtic harp duo of **Knodel & Valencia**. Tickets are \$12.50 in advance, \$14 at the door (\$10 seniors/students). Call 945-6351 for reservations.

'Red': pallid finale to tricolore trilogy

Kieslowski's 'Red' only adds up to the sum of its gimmicks.

By Renata Polt

Red completes Krzysztof Kieslowski's trilogy of films named for the tricolore, the French flag—blue, white and red, representing liberty, equality and fraternity respectively.

Neither bleak like *Blue* nor wickedly ironic like *White*, *Red* is wispy and allusive, never quite making its point about the almost-parallel lives of several characters whose fates finally intersect at the film's climax (with a wink to those familiar with the earlier films, Kieslowski also throws in glimpses of their major characters).

Movies

Red is sort of sweet and *tres* French, but in the end, like the series' titles, the film only adds up to the sum of its gimmicks.

Set in Geneva, which cameraman Piotr Sobocinski makes simultaneously homey and chic (with lots of touches of—you guessed it—red), the movie is about lives that connect only by coincidence.

Baptist

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And why was one of the women in Herod's court wearing only a G-string? And why, in the scene in the temple in Jerusalem, were there male and female "priests" dancing together?

Surely, you say, Domingo could redeem this mess. Yet, although he was in fine voice, the opera gives him little to do. He had one aria, in act III, with a few ensembles earlier. But as his golden blasts sailed out from the stage, one couldn't help wishing they were aiding something musically more interesting.

Swenson's 'ringalinga' is worth the price of the CD.

Neither baritone Juan Pons nor mezzo-soprano Dolora Zajick were in very good voice the afternoon I heard them. Zajick seems to have given up on the notion of singing beautifully; raw power has been her goal in her last several performances here.

Which leaves Renee Fleming as Salome. Just as she did earlier this season, in *Dangerous Liaisons* (where she also competed with a stage full of major stars), Fleming stole the show. Her role was longer than any of the others, and she poured her heart into it, all in a voice of great purity and plainness and equally beautiful throughout her range.

Unlike Swenson's, this is a voice made for unhappy heroines, and I can think of half a dozen she could do better than anyone else. I suppose Fleming is a great Salome, but like Domingo as the Baptist, it was a waste of a great voice.

Herodiade is over for this season, though Sony recorded it for release in 1996. Believe me, if you're curious about the opera, that's the way to experience it.

Swenson on CD

Ruth Ann Swenson has just released a CD of coloratura show pieces, called "Positively Golden," and it includes the fountain scene. It's a gorgeous CD, but frankly, it doesn't capture the full beauty of her voice.

This is frequently the case with recordings of large, complex works. It is also true when the same voices are unleashed in smaller rooms. In a 3,000-seat theater, a big voice can unleash bolts of pure sound that are distorted in any other setting—like getting too close to fireworks.

Swenson can be heard to better effect in the CD of *Kismet* she recorded with Samuel Ramey and Jerry Hadley. When she sings "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," her "ringalinga" alone is worth the price of the CD.



Irene Jacob plays the obscurely motivated heroine of Krzysztof Kieslowski's 'Red.'

Relationships are as often as not carried on exclusively by phone and answering machine: all we know of the heroine's boyfriend, for instance, is his voice on the phone, and one of the central characters gets his jolies by listening in on other people's calls.

The heroine is Valentine (Irene Jacob), a model whom we see in scenes of modeling, taking ballet lessons, drinking a bottle of Evian—none of them very revealing. Irene Jacob (*The Double Life of Veronique*) doesn't help: Her range as an actress is limited to looking prettily worried and prettily sad.

When, fiddling with her car radio while driving, she accidentally hits (but doesn't kill) a German shepherd, she finds the dog's owner, a retired judge (never named) played by Jean-Louis Trintignant. (The once-gorgeous Trintignant, with cane, gray stubble, and gaunt, lined face, looks at least a decade older than his 64 years—it's enough to make you cry.)

The judge doesn't want the dog back—he doesn't want anything, he tells Valentine. But later he does take it. The same vacillation goes for Auguste (Jean-Pierre Lorit), Valentine's neighbor and himself a young judge,

who abandons his dog, then retrieves it. What is it with these characters? And what ever happens to the young judge's dog in the film's denouement? I wish filmmakers wouldn't keep us hanging on major points like these.

For me, the film's most attractive characters were the two dogs.

Despite Valentine's outrage at the Trintignant character's habit of eavesdropping, something draws her to him, and when he tells her his life story, which is supposed to explain his bitterness and cynicism, her anger turns to warmth.

The film's press material indicates that their relationship is supposed to be a May-December romance (through unconsummated), but there's not a jot of chemistry between Jacob and Trintignant.

The judge's attraction to Valentine is plausible enough—after all, she's a pretty young woman—but nothing we're

shown about her convincing that she would fall in love with him.

A couple of subplots suggested but not developed enough to engage us. There's a young judge, his career, his and his love life; and Valentine's younger brother, whom we never meet, and drug habit. For me, the most attractive characters are the two dogs and seven puppies.

Red opens tomorrow in theaters.

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Kieslowski's THREE COLORS: RED
(12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 9:45)

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Louis Malle's VANYA ON 42ND STREET
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Jake's Lion Restaurant in San Leandro

OUT and ABOUT
By Frosene Phillips

I can still recall the first time my father set out to expose his children to the visual treat at Jake's Lion restaurant in San Leandro. "Wait until you see this," he said with excitement. A surprise was in store for us that we never could have imagined.

Since my father, the late Perry Phillips, covered the night club and restaurant scene for the Oakland Tribune for many years, I'm safe in saying that my exposure to dining out exceeded most of my young peers. And while that experience introduced us to a variety of pleasurable dining moments, we never would have guessed what Jake's had in store for us.

You walk in expecting a restaurant, but quickly discover a holiday wonderland. "This is our 29th year," a proud Jake Francisco told me last week. Once again, Francisco has transformed the entire restaurant for the holidays. The decorations adorn the walls as well as the shelves and hallways.

The Christmas extravaganza lasts throughout the season, but don't delay. Items are for sale and customers can indulge in the urge to shop.

This San Leandro institution is a refreshing reminder of the beauty of tradition. The staff is established and the menu is straightforward featuring Italian specialties. Jake's Lion is located at 1045 MacArthur Blvd. just off of the MacArthur Freeway.

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RESTAURANT BITES: It's official! Jack London Square has welcomed another eating establishment. T.G.I. Friday's opened last week at 450 Water St. just across from the Waterfront Plaza Hotel. This latest hot spot is opened Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. and Friday to 2 a.m....The Cantina on Park Boulevard is now serving Sunday Champagne Brunch from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. complete with strolling Mariachis.

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THANKSGIVING FEAT: Walker's Restaurant and Pie Shop in Albany just completed a Thanksgiving Pieathon. To gear up for the Thanksgiving pie demand, the staff went from preparing 50 to 60 pies a day to 700 a day last week. And how many pie crusts do you think they turn out per minute? The pie experts at Walker's report that the faster pie crust rollers produce about three a minute. Anyone that has prepared their own pie crust would tell you that the Walker's crew is definitely in gear. With Christmas around the corner, start ordering your pies today. I'm sure Dolly and her staff would appreciate. You can call Walker's Pie Shop at (510) 525-4647.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Norman Brown at Kimball's East...Tito Garcia Friday and Orquesta Gitano Saturday at Kimball's Carnival...Opera Night with Elizabeth Durand and Ann Oliver Saturday at the Courtyard...Frank Biner and His Soul Patrol in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton ...Mamborania Friday and Motordude Zydeco Saturday at the Baltic...Macatee Hollie Saturday at Ratto's...Jermaine & Terra and Gary Newman at the Fat Lady.

Randy Weston's African Rhythms Trio at Yoshi's Nitespot... Julian White Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall...Jack Eskridge and Spencer Chan Sunday at Crogan's Walnut Creek...Jim Brown at Scott's...Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House...Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment...Terrell Prude and Doug Arrington with Yancey Taylor Quartet Friday and Doug Arrington with Yancey Taylor Quartet Saturday at Elsin's Via Veneto.

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COMEDY SCENE: Bobby Slayton at the Punch Line Walnut Creek...Henry Cho and Kevin Kataoka at Tommy T's San Ramon... SAN FRANCISCO: Will Durst and Bill Braudis at the Punch Line... Brian Regan Friday and Dana Gould Saturday at Cobb's Comedy Club.

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Shooting

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Roman said he was very pleased with the outcome not only because of the disparity in physical appearance but also because he felt the process by which Cauthen identified his client had been tainted.

Cauthen positively identified Gidron after seeing a photo and physical lineup. But Roman contends that the change from Cauthen's description of his attacker with cornrows to a man with dreadlocks came about suspiciously.

"The question I had about this case was, why did they display a physical lineup for people only with dreadlock-appearing hair when Cauthen said his assailant had cornrows?" Roman asked.

Cauthen said that his initial description may have been confused because of the poor lighting and added that people with dreadlocks often pull their hair back in a pony tail, thus mimicking cornrows.

The shooting occurred when Cauthen, an unpaid Albany reserve officer, was patrolling the landfill, where petty crime and small drug sales reportedly occur.

Cauthen spotted a man coming through a fence in the area, which is unoccupied and considered private land. The man ran from Cauthen down a gravel road and up an embankment.

Cauthen radioed the dispatcher

back at the station that he was in pursuit of someone. When the officer reached the top of the embankment, he turned on his flashlight. The beam of light illuminated the man, who was pointing a small revolver at him.

The attacker fired twice at Cauthen. The second bullet struck him squarely in the chest, knocking Cauthen down. Cauthen managed to fire off five rounds as the man ran off. "I went for cover after that. I kept picturing that he was tracking me and was going to shoot me in the back of the head or something," said Cauthen.

"There are two homeless encampments there and there have been minor drug infractions," said Sandbach. "It is very possible that the shooter may have well had drugs and the gun, and that is why he ran."

Though Gidron was acquitted, Cauthen said he remains concerned over the safety of the landfill area.

"I think we should clear that area out, post signs telling people they are trespassing. A lot of people walk their dogs there and it's just a matter of time before something happens," he said.

Murdo said the area could be made safer by increasing the lighting or getting voter approval to develop that land.

"Improvements to the Bay Trail could really improve the lighting of the waterfront area," Murdo said.

Park

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don'ts. Removal of these protections, say some park advocates, could make the district more vulnerable to pressure for development.

In September, a position paper supported by 23 environmental groups and 43 individuals was presented to the board asking for an explanation of the areas under revision and how the public would be involved in decision making.

"I'm sharing the same frustration that others are," said board president Jocelyn Combs during a break in the 2-hour meeting. "When I asked for this workshop I wanted to learn ways we could make the process better...Members of the initial groups and other people tell me

that we need more public input and need to get past the underlying fear and division between recreationists and environmentalists."

Environmentalists fear that staff may open up the parks in ways that haven't been done before, Combs said.

"If that concern can get out in the open, I think it would be very healthy, then the district can reassure people that it is trying to balance uses."

A workshop summary will be sent to participants, along with copies of the proposed cultural diversity proposal, the existing master plan and a staff explanation of proposed changes, the reasons for making them and district goals.

Fire

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and that at certain times, they will be severe," Cutright said. "We can reduce the risks, but we can't eliminate them."

In order to reduce El Cerrito's risks in its Hillside Natural Area, he said, the proposed plan emphasizes management of fuels — both vegetation and structures — and improving the city's infrastructure, particularly in terms of water supply and quick access for maintenance and fire fighting vehicles. In addition, he said, the goal is to have as low an impact on the natural area as possible.

"We can expect intermittent funding for this kind of project," he said, noting the availability of a variety of grants. ("We need a plan to implement that funding," he added.) At the present time, the city does have a remaining fund of \$60,000 raised in voluntary donations. About \$20,000 of privately raised funds was already used for an environmental analysis of the area, using a consultant, and preliminary fuel reduction.

The study, he said, covered a variety of issues, from identifying specific fire hazards to analyzing fire behavior (both surface and aerial spread). The most severe hazards have been targeted and drainage and runoff plans formulated.

Cutright estimates the cost of necessary hazard reduction projects at about \$1 million. Fuel modification, he said, will cost about \$300,000. Installing a new water supply and restructuring the roadbed should cost about \$400,000, while extending the roads to critical areas should cost about \$300,000.

Even if that kind of expenditure is currently out of reach, "the more you do, the safer it becomes," he told the council.

Cutright summarized the point of the plan as retaining the natural values and character of the Hillside Natural Area while reducing the fire hazard.

The acceptance of the plan engendered little council discussion.

In response to testimony from a neighboring resident, Mayor Jane Bartke and Cutright said the city is very aware of concerns about ero-

sion and soil stability and will take them into consideration with any road construction or fire break plans.

Council member Norma Jellison reminded the public that a proposed fire assessment district was not approved by a 2/3 majority of El Cerrito voters when it appeared on the ballot two years ago. (It did pass by about a 60 percent majority.) At that time, a group of volunteers began soliciting donations.

The research work the first donations financed were necessary "before we could do the work of protecting the Hillside Natural Area," she said, thanking the citizens for their efforts. She added her hope that Sacramento would not again "raid" city coffers "so we can continue this effort in the Hillside Natural Area and other public properties in our city."

Bartke thanked Cutright for stretching the use of private donations. "I didn't know a dollar could go that far," she said.

The vote to move ahead with the plan was unanimous. Cutright said Tuesday that he expects little work to be done before January.

After approval of the plan by the council, a 30-day waiting period is allowed for any kind of challenge; work probably will not commence during the holiday period but should start soon afterward.

"Winter is the best time to start initiating work on surface fuels," he said. "We anticipate doing some of those intensive maintenance things needed to reduce fuels in January."

Essentially, the January clearing will prepare the surface for controlled burning in February and March — the period recommended by experts because it precedes new spring growth and because the weather is cool.

In January, crews will chop down big branches so they will burn more readily. Litter and underbrush will be cleared; fallen branches will also be chopped in order to be more easily consumed. The controlled burn, said Cutright, may take repeat treatments. The fire sweeps over a short layer on top; afterwards, it is raked again and returned a little at a time. "We don't want any severe heat build-up that can get out of control," he said.

Budget

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long-term plan in which the expanded emergency provisions would become self-sufficient over time.

"And that time just hasn't come, yet," said Fields. "Next year's budget will really be determined by our revenue shortfall and how much money is taken away by the state."

"We may be able to hang on for another year. We anticipate that our revenues for 1996-97 will make up for any deficit incurred over 1995-96."

While not banking on it, Brodsky was hopeful that the Ladbroke application for the proposed cardroom

at Golden Gate Fields would be approved and licensed.

When that occurs, Ladbroke has agreed to pay Albany an advance of \$600,000, which would adequately cover any shortfall in the deficit for this year.

"In addition, that triggers (an agreement which says) that if the cardroom is not operational after the first year, Ladbroke pays us an additional \$750,000," said Brodsky.

City Councilmember Robert Good said the council plans on making "mid-stream adjustments" to the budget as the cardroom funds become available.

Revisiting the budget, he said,

"will be some extra work but it will be pleasant work. Otherwise, if we counted on those funds it would be irresponsible."

Pulling themselves out of the red means that services and departments which have had to pinch up their belts will finally get their funds.

Good said, "The library could use more funding. As it is now, the librarians are displeased with circulation-only hours (which would leave the library open for check-out only, with no staff librarians there to assist patrons.)"

But other departments also have a stake in any potential windfall. "A priority would be to restore

equity to the pay scale for employees," said Brodsky. "The fair work heights money benefits everybody."

The mayor also stressed council and staff are looking for other revenue sources for development. "Having cardroom revenues doesn't act the development of a stable economic base," he said.

"We are really looking at Pablo Avenue as a long-term development. We don't need our laurels just because of cardroom funds. We want a vigorously diversified base with services," Bro-

Redevelop

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enues from proposed projects are projected to cover the debt. In response to citizen input that change is needed at El Cerrito Plaza, \$20 million of the bond has been set aside for projects there.

According to Redevelopment Agency manager Gerry Raycraft, however, it will be some time before any such issuance or major expenditures will occur.

"In the short term, nothing's really going to change," said Raycraft.

"We have (recently) participated in some major projects, such as Del Norte Place and the Target store;

we have a level of indebtedness that we're going to serve at this point."

In the short term, said Raycraft, the agency will likely only become involved in new projects that do not require financial assistance or those in which any financial assistance from the agency can be delayed into the future.

Raycraft pointed to the interest BART has shown in developing mixed use and housing projects at both El Cerrito stations as one example.

"If we can put off any financial participation into the future, maybe we can get those projects going," he

said. "If the BART projects require short term financial assistance, they can't have it." (No specific plans have been designed for either site.)

"To expect the agency to take a leadership role in (new) projects is unrealistic...even at the Plaza," he said.

What is of high priority for the agency, said Raycraft, is the successful completion of projects already underway. Neither the Pacific Development Company's retail project across from Del Norte Place nor the Pep Boys project planned for the Winston Tire site is expected to need any new money from the agency, but the agency will stay involved to keep the projects moving along.

"It's only (the fact that) we have acquired land and made some investments in the past that will allow those to go forward without further agency assistance," he said.

With the goal of getting the retail project back on line, said Raycraft, agency staff will be meeting in the next few weeks with representatives of Pacific Development to talk

about the project's financing and to "arrive at some agency's previous investment."

Settling on a financing agreement with the developer, an indemnification agreement with Shell Oil Company and a priority, he said, Shell Oil completed its work on the former a World Oil property after negotiations with the oil company agency that the agreed to take responsibility for determining what toxic contamination might be present in the site. "Shell has submitted a plan to the county," said Raycraft. "We have asked the county to use the site as a parking area and waiting for that and expect."

"That's a major hurdle," Raycraft believes the deal made when the city was through the amendment "probably are still valid" in those projections, be about three years into the future. "When the agency is in a comfortable position to meet debt," he said.

Cemetery

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"economics and lack of land are real concerns for Sunset" but continue to be concerned about an appropriate setback and about soil stability and feel that council action is necessary.

"We want the city council to deal with it so we can let this lawsuit lie

dormant or wither away," he said.

The council could not address the issue at its Nov. 21 meeting since it was not an agenda item.

City attorney Howard Stern had sent a letter to the cemetery asking it to submit a master plan outlining all future phases of the project.

Annual Yuletide Boutique set for this weekend

St. Alban's Episcopal Church will host its 25th annual Yuletide Boutique and Tea on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at 1501 Washington St. at the corner of Curtis Street in Albany. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

The boutique opens at 1 p.m. where you'll find antiques, collectibles, Christmas gifts and ornaments, baked goods and raffle prizes. Tea and coffee will be served from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., with sandwiches, cakes, and cookies, along with music by the Gospel singers.

At 4 p.m. Richard Cushman, organist at St. Alban's, will present a recital celebrating Warren Potter's 1994 reconstruction of the church's historic Hook and Hastings pipe

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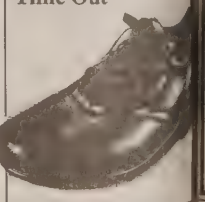
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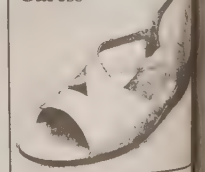
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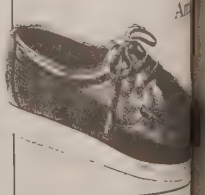
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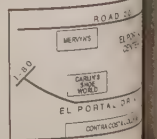
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Career: Graduated from San Francisco State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. Worked in social services for several years while buying, renovating, renting and selling residential income property in Oakland and Berkeley. Spent four years in operations management in retail and production companies. Became a licensed agent five years ago and has been a consistently top producer.

Interests: Soccer referee, sailing, event production.

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Stan Hammond

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Piedmont Avenue adapts to changing times

Neighborhood thrives as new families settle

By Joan Dark

Old-timers used to say, "Piedmont Avenue is unique. It's the only street in town where you can be born on one end, go to church in the middle and be buried at the other end," says Ted Wurm, local historian and longtime resident.

It's still true, although probably fewer people are going to church than in 1886 when the first horse-drawn trolley line was laid from downtown Oakland through the open countryside and ranch land to the new Mountain View Cemetery.

The city of Oakland had just passed its first traffic ordinance — the speed limit for both saddled horses and those pulling wagons and buggies was eight miles per hour.

Dr. Samuel Merritt had just written the first health ordinances, too — one being that livery stables were to remove horse manure when piles reached a certain height, not disclosed in available documents.

It was typical of Oakland's growth that residential and commercial development sprang up along trolley routes.

Real estate syndicates paid for the tracks, then advertised parcels around them to potential business



Jeff Lindquist

Local resident John Woodbury, with daughter Marina, 2, is one of the organizers of the School Involvement Project which aims to improve overall performance at Piedmont Avenue School.

By the late 1800s, Piedmont Avenue was lined with grocery stores, butcher shops, bakeries, Fenton's Creamery, boarding houses, dry goods stores, pharmacies, tailors, hardware stores and a nickelodeon.

Blacksmith shops and livery stables and flower nurseries were

near by.

Most stores had living quarters upstairs, as well as other businesses which did not require street frontage.

Off the main street, rows of Victorian homes and, later, Craftsman bungalows were built with typical lot sizes of 40 by 100 feet.

It's been said that the lots were so deep to accommodate out-houses at the rear property lines. To this day, the only supporting evidence of this is the multitude of old rose bushes growing lustily in many back yards, with no assistance or attention from owners.

Craftsman and California bungalows are the dominant architec-

tural styles in this neighborhood. Bungalows are characterized by generous proportions: wide, overhanging eaves, front porches, large rooms and simple floor plans. The style was a reaction to the "fussiness" of Victorians.

Craftsmanship and building materials are generally superior to today's. Common are inlaid golden oak floors, leaded glass windows, redwood wainscoting and stone fireplaces, even in the smallest "workingman's" homes.

When these bungalows are sold, it is not uncommon for new buyers' home inspectors to praise the sturdiness of construction.

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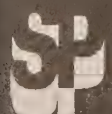
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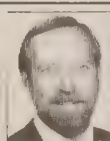
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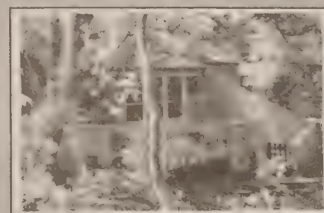
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Building permits: who needs them?

If you're a homeowner doing a small remodeling or a major addition, you're required by law to get a building permit. What's involved and how can you make the process go smoothly?

For extremely small projects, such as re-roofing, or adding some light fixtures, all that may be required is going to the Building Department, filling out a form, and paying a small fee. You'll receive the permit on the spot.

Some projects, like painting, low fences, walkways, and minor repairs may not require a permit at all! Check with your local building department to see if you need one.

Your contractor, if you're using one, can take care of getting the required permits.

For more complicated projects, such as a major kitchen remodeling, or a family room addition, you'll need to submit construction drawings. Additions and new buildings typically require some additional information, such as calculations for energy use, structural calculations, a soil report, a land survey, and diagrams of new electrical service. These are best done by licensed professionals.

If this is starting to sound too complicated, and you're tempted just to skip the building permit altogether (after all, your neighbors down the street built their deck without a permit and got away with it), don't give in to temptation. Local inspectors have their eyes open for illegal work during their rounds, and irate neighbors often report violations.

If you're caught, a stop work notice will be issued immediately, you'll have to pay double the per-

mit fees, and possibly redo the work until it passes inspection.

On the positive side though, for the relatively small price of a permit, you'll get a professional inspector, and receive some peace of mind that you or your contractor is building a safe structure that meets current codes, and that will be an asset when you sell your house.

Some tips for avoiding problems at the building department:

1) Do some advance research. Find out what information and documentation will be required. Most building departments have a free brochure that describes the building permit process and requirements. Ask the people at the permit counter what you'll need. They're usually extremely helpful and informative.

For example, you or your contractor — depending on who's doing the work — may need to show a certificate of Worker's Compensation insurance.

Also, you may need to show proof of ownership of your property, such as a tax certificate or deed. By having everything ready at permit application time, you'll avoid needless delays.

2) The very best way to avoid problems is to have a good set of plans, that very clearly describes the proposed work. The building department can tell you what type of design professional would be appropriate for your needs, if you can't draw plans yourself.

3) If you're working with a design professional, such as an architect, consider bringing them along when you apply for your permit. Often they can answer questions on the spot that might



Remodeling

RICHARD MORRISON

otherwise delay acceptance of the permit application.

How long does it take to get a permit, if the project isn't small enough to process "over-the-counter"? Sometimes, a project such as a bath or kitchen remodeling might take 5-10 days. A larger project, such as an addition or new house might take 30-40 days.

However, this changes constantly, so check with the City to see what their review time is currently like. To save some time, consider getting bids while your plans are being reviewed by the City.

How much does a permit cost? The cost is usually based on the value of the work, and varies from city to city. In Oakland, a \$10,000 project might have fees of about \$200. A \$50,000 project might have fees of about \$700. Check with the building department for an exact price.

Richard Morrison, AIA, is a Bay Area architect specializing in residential remodelings and additions. He teaches remodeling classes at the Building Education Center in Berkeley. You can call him at (415) 321-3729.

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ALBANY

731 Adams St. - \$235,000
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3837 Coolidge Ave. - \$128,000
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LOWEST PRICE: \$136,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$375,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$255,875

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$115,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$235,000

AVERAGE PRICE: \$188,333

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 8
LOWEST PRICE: \$103,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$575,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$296,562

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$295,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$335,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$315,000

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$153,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$156,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$154,500

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TOTAL SALES: 3
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Ridgemont custom French provincial, 3600 sq ft., .5 acre, iron gate, 5BR, 3BA, view of hills. MARTHA SHIN		Lincoln Hts. custom! Spacious vaulted ceiling, 2 master suites, fireplaces, great space for studio too. RACHEL BALLER	
CUSTOM RIDGEMONT CONTEMP	\$599,000	SOUTHWESTERN FLAIR!	\$265,000
Wonderful spaces for family & entertaining. Large rooms. Low maintenance yard. 5 years old. MARTHA SHIN		Crocker Highlands 3BR close to SF bus, shops & school. A sweet home & ardent owners! LYN MURRAY	
SKYLINE ESTATE	\$598,000	QUIET LANE - SWEET HOME	\$239,000
Secluded, view, pool, room for tennis court, zoned for horses, 5BR, 3+BA, plus, plus! HELEN BUTY		Laurel Lane of adorable homes. Pest work almost complete. 3BR, 1.5BA plus family room. JAM NEFF	
BEST NEIGHBORHOOD + VIEW	\$553,000	SUPER SWEET STARTER	\$229,000
Oakmore, panorama of Golden Gate, cities & bay. 4BR, 4.5+ 5BA, solarium, family rm, garden. HELEN NICHOLAS		Redwood Heights 2BR in move-in condition. Walk to transit. 2 car garage & huge garden. LYN MURRAY	
DISTINCTIVE SPANISH/OAKMORE	\$549,000	UPPER FRUITVALE	\$209,000
Original quality details, ideal for entertaining & family, cul-de-sac, 5BR, 3.5BA, sauna, au pair qtrs. MARTHA SHIN		Exceptional brown shingle. Park setting, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths living, hardwood. Quiet, private. HAL CASTLE	
ONE OF A KIND DUPLEX	\$450,000	FIXER WITH BAY VIEW	\$199,000
Glenview. Fab. "owner's" unit, cathedral ceiling in living rm, 2BR, 2BA, rumpus + sep. 2BR, 1.5BA unit, views. HELEN BUTY		Oakland Hills - best schools. 3BR, rural setting, best buy - owners have already moved! LOIS C. JOHNSON	
CHARMING CAPE COD	\$449,000	TEMESCAL VICTORIAN	\$189,000
Formal living/dining, family rm with 2nd flpl. Sunny & spacious rooms, fenced, level back yard with patio. MARTHA SHIN		Great value on this 2-story 3BR. Walking distance to BAFFI College Ave. Needs some TLC! LYN MURRAY	
KENSINGTON BEAUTY W/BAY VIEW	\$415,000	SPARKLING BUNGALOW	\$189,000
Decorator perfect 3+BR, 2BA on best cul-de-sac! Formal dining room, deck, privacy! Walk to Arlington! JULIE MCDOWELL		Above MacArthur, remodeled to code. New kitchen/bath, dining. Fireplace, garage, deck, patio. VICKIE CHAN CASE	
CROCKER HIGHLANDS!	\$399,000	OPPORTUNITY IN THE VALLEY!	\$185,000
Wonderful traditional family home! Walk to SF bus, shops & excellent school from this 4BR, 3BA. LYN MURRAY		Castro Valley that is! Cosmetics will make this solid rancher charmer. Big level lot! STEVEN BIASATTI	
MONTCLAIR HIDEAWAY 2+BR, 2BA	\$379,000	NEW LISTING UPPER DIMOND	\$149,000
Nature lovers will be charmed by this wonderful lodge-style home and its wooded setting. JUDY FARRELL		Above MacArthur, remodeled to code. New kitchen/bath, bedroom, huge yard! fruit trees/double garage. HAL CASTLE	
FOR HOLIDAYS	\$349,000	OAKLAND STARTER HOME	\$119,000
Charming, traditional in Upper Oakmore, view, flexible floor plan, hwd floors, formal, termite clearance. MARTHA SHIN		3BR bungalow with hardwood floors, nice level yard, garage, shed. JEFF HILGERT	
BEAUTIFUL CREEKSIDE SITE	\$349,000	YOURS FOR A SONG!	\$92,500
Montclair South - 3BR, 2.5BA. Light, open French doors, hardwood, fireplace. Top condition! HELEN NICHOLAS		Sparkling 2BR at New Chinatown border. Clearly the nicest house around - hurry! ANITA WEYL	

CONDOS

REDWOOD - COUNTRY SETTING	\$219,500	REDUCED!! LUXURY PENTHOUSE	\$179,000
At Trestle Glen - Lakeshore. Huge 2BR, 2BA, den, fireplace, gorgeous decor, walk to everything! D.C. HODGES		Piedmont Ave. 2 level living, 2 master suites. Gourmet kitchen with eating area and pantry. CAROL COHEN	
PERFECT VIEW & WALK TO BART	\$182,500	TOP FLOOR PRIVACY!	\$139,000
Urban Lakeside setting yet minutes to SF at 1/3 of city prices! Huge 2BR, 2BA, 52-ft. balcony! D.C. HODGES		Rockridge view unit in small modern bldg. opposite Claremont Country Club. Fireplace too! STEVEN BIASATTI	
STYLISH & SOPHISTICATED!	\$179,500	PIEDMONT AVENUE AREA	\$137,000
Lake Merritt 3BR, 2BA condo with laundry on its own floor. Beautiful hill view! LYN MURRAY		Stunning remodeled 2BR in sought after Park Sequoyah. Oakland's most desired buildings. CAROL COHEN	

LOTS

MONTCLAIR - KNOCKOUT	\$149,000	OFF THE BEATEN PATH	\$69,000
Dream home site, gentle downslope among expensive homes. Owner financing. Golden Gate view. HELEN NICHOLAS		Gentle upslope lot with over 9,000 sq ft. Peaceful setting. JAN NEFF	
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION	\$139,000	OVER 10,000 SQ. FT. LOT!	\$68,000
Claremont Knolls. Beautiful bay/Mt. Tam views. Great neighborhood. Seller may carry. CARIN CAROE		Gentle downslope site with level building pad and yard potential. Quiet area. LYN MURRAY	
MONTCLAIR FIRE LOT	\$94,900	VERY ANXIOUS OWNER!	\$55,000
Gentle downslope close to village yet view of Mt. Tam & some bay plus garden potential. HARRIET SCHOEN		Level lot. Foundation removed - ready to go! Close to transit, easy access to UC Berkeley. LYN MURRAY	
MANY VARIOUS PRICES & TERMS. Some for cash, some owner carry, numerous ways to purchase. Agent may help in many ways. ED LINDORFER			

INCOME

URBANE SOPHISTICATION	\$595,000	REDGEMOUNT HILLS HOME PLUS \$	\$475,000
In Ridgemont hills. Decorator's own huge 3BR, 2BA master unit plus 4 2BR classy rentals! D.C. HODGES		Fabulous four includes gigantic 3BR/2BA master unit, level views, serenity. An opportunity. D.C. HODGES	
IRS ANTIDOTE & MONEY MAKER	\$495,000	RARE ROCKRIDGE TRIPLEX!	\$389,000
An Ivy Hill architectural gem. It's 5 2BR units produce pride, income & tax shelter! D.C. HODGES		Classic turn-of-the-century units. Huge polished owners' two "easy to rent" units. STEVEN BIASATTI	

Buyers show signs of nesting instinct

Number 78 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Trees are nice. I'm sure you agree. Trees are beautiful. They provide shady places and green cover. They change color in fall, give us shade. They are good for swings and for climbing, and trees can hide things we'd rather not



TARPOFT & TALBERT

We talk about trees a lot in real estate. People tell us they like the feeling of driving through the countryside on the way home. They want quiet and privacy when they arrive. They want trees.

A buyer says he must have a kitchen and wood floors — big trees. One couple asks for trees with young and supple ones — ones they hope won't fall. Other people seek a near contradiction — complete forest with brilliant sunshine. Almost always, it costs more to be nestled in the trees. Maybe

prices will depend on many and what kind of trees included with the house. The multiple listing will say, "Great for 10 mature trees. Only \$200,000." Or, "Newly planted fast-growing trees, \$200,000." That might happen. These days people seem more interested than in living near nature. They want to be close to stores and highways, but want to walk out of their houses directly onto their

land. They don't want to be too far away from the city, but they'd like vistas of canyons and trees. Wherever it's located, if no other building is visible, if there is only calm and greenery all around — well, these are the places that can cost the moon.

Why aren't we all out planting trees right now? Some of us are, but there are a few holdouts. When the city offers to plant curbside trees, not everyone agrees. "No," some people say. "Trees are too much trouble. I'll have to sweep up the leaves."

And, of course, it's true. At least with many trees, raking leaves is part of having them. If a tree becomes diseased, something must be done. If they are not to get out of hand, almost every tree requires pruning and shaping, and sometimes they get away from you no matter what you do.

I've had experience with these things. I have a tree problem right now. In my yard is a huge black acacia. I did not plant it, it was

"The multiple listing will say, 'Great price for 10 mature trees. Only \$300,000.'"

here. I wish it were not.

It makes a mess with its leaves and its squiggly seed pods and its seedlings coming up all over. But what worries me is that acacias, I am told, tend to crack and break in old age. I'm afraid that if this one falls over, it will land on the house — maybe on us.

I have talked to my tree man. He says it will take him and two helpers two days to get rid of the acacia. Judging from its size, I don't think he is exaggerating. I've seen the tree man cut down a lesser tree.

I've watched transfixed as he climbed deliberately to the top. As he goes, he cuts smaller limbs and throws them down. Then he begins his major work, slowly sawing through one piece of trunk at a time.

He raises his saw, holds steady — it must take Herculean strength — and a chunk is severed. Carefully he lowers his saw so both hands are free to shove the chunk free. Sometimes the pieces are so

heavy and have fallen so far they are partially buried in the dirt by the force of the landing.

I do not want this to happen in my garden. Plants all around will be flattened, and there will be such a quantity of acacia wood lying around. The tree man could cut it up for firewood, but this will take longer and cost more. The wood can't be burned for a couple of years anyway. I would have to stack it and dry it somewhere, and I can't think where that would be.

The whole affair is so onerous that I have done nothing about the acacia. Instead, I have planted more trees.

The new ones are still small, and they will never be as big as the acacia, but I think I have planted too many. I got excited by so many choices and brought them all home, forgetting that they will grow larger and will take the sun away from my garden. It isn't that I don't know better. I've had experience with growing trees.

At my old house there was an ugly apartment building along one side of the yard. I hated looking at it. A friend said he had just the solution. He gave me an ash tree seedling which he assured me would grow very big and very fast.

Was he right! By the time the ash was three years old, the building had vanished from sight. The

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Faces in silver

Susan Brooks' sterling silver face pins, above, will be on sale at the Strawberry Creek Design Center, 1250 Addison St. (at Bonar) as part of the Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios to be held the weekends of Dec. 3 & 4; Dec. 10 & 11; and Dec. 17 & 18, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. In all, 24 studios will feature works in textiles, glass, and wood as well as paintings, mixed media design and jewelry. There will be lots of holiday gift items for sale and a selection of unique Christmas ornaments. For information on where to pick up a complete map of the tour, please call 845-2612.

Project Share meeting Dec. 14

Project Share's hosts a monthly informational gathering for Oakland and Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home.

The next meeting will take

place on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2:30 p.m. at 3102 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley.

For more information call 845-9030.

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FIRST TIME OPEN OPEN SUNDAY 2:00 - 4:30 PM

- 77 MANOR DRIVE - Piedmont - Lovely 3+BD, 2BA nice back yard, fireplace, updated kitchen, new furnace, roof & draperies. OLLIE HAMMEREL \$425,000
- 3207 RANDOLPH AVENUE - New listing - Spanish style 2BD, 1BA, formal dining room, breakfast nook & 1 year old roof. JINI KELLEY \$139,000
- 322 HANOVER AVE., #105 - Elegant condo - Gorgeous ground floor condo with 3 patios, 2BD, 2BA, fireplace & laundry. Decorated & upgraded perfectly. FRITZ HOCHFELLNER \$133,000

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- 12 STAR VIEW.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 3BA.....\$459,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 11 HAWKS HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$425,000.....OLLIE HAMMEREL
- 1633 TRESTLE GLEN RD.....TRESTLE GLEN.....4BD, 2BA.....\$369,000.....VICTOR FIERRO
- 19 BINNACLE HILL.....HILLER HIGHLANDS.....2BD, 2BA.....\$349,500.....PAT WHITTINGSLOW
- 2962 BURDECK.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 3BA.....\$339,000.....RUBY NG
- 24 BUCKEYE.....UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....2BD, 1BA.....\$289,000.....ADRIENNE BROCHE
- 1857 MAGELLAN DR.....MONTCLAIR.....3BD, 2.5BA.....\$289,000.....ADRIENNE BROCHE
- 2575 EL CAMINITO.....PIEDMONT PINES.....2BD, 1BA.....\$230,000.....DIAN HYMER
- 73 SAMARIA LN.....REDWOOD HILLS.....2BD, 2BA.....\$209,000.....SHERRY BENNINGER
- 2320 8TH STREET.....BERKELEY.....3BD, 2BA.....\$169,000.....VICTOR FIERRO
- 3807 38TH AVE.....LAUREL.....2BD, 1BA.....\$125,000.....NANCY WELK

BY APPOINTMENT • 339-1174 OAKLAND ★ MONTCLAIR ★ PIEDMONT ★ ALAMEDA

PIEDMONT LISTING!.....\$625,000
One level home on large lot, formal entry, vaulted ceiling, two fireplaces, pool and pool house. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. George Karsant

PIEDMONT - CAPE COD.....\$595,000
Large fml rms, sunny kitchen level out to yard. Separate studio + bath perfect for home office. George Karsant

DAZZLING VIEWS.....\$550,000
In this dramatic contemporary, 4 bedrooms, den, 3 baths, high vaulted ceilings and fabulous SF bay and Golden Gate bridge views. Norm Robinow

TREE SETTING - SKYLINE.....\$499,500
3 year old 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath spacious contemporary. Large kitchen, family room with fireplace, formal dining & great storage. Norm Robinow

PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$449,900
Custom 4BD, 3.5BA, 2 family rooms, 2 fireplaces, level yard. Bay view on private cul-de-sac. Judy Rankankan

INVITING TRADITIONAL.....\$439,000
Wonderful ambience. Sunny and bright. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Nice deck/patio/yard area. Bonus room too. One car garage. Ruby Ng

ROCKRIDGE!.....\$425,000
Creative floor plan and pretty design. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths and rumpus (could be office). Patio and terraced garden. Judy Maher

OAKMORE ENGLISH TRADITIONAL.....\$399,000
Large formal rooms with hwd floors, sunny kitchen & family room. Level yard. 3BD, 3BA. George Karsant

LEONA PARK VILLA.....\$349,000
Fabulous 3BD, 2.5BA Spanish Med. style villa. Wooded canyon views, flagstone courtyard, elegant master suite. Distinctive architecture. Sherry Benninger

SHARP CONTEMPORARY.....\$339,000
Pied. side of Montclair. 3BD, 2BA, high ceilings, oversized decks. Lots of natural light. Valley view. George Karsant

CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY.....\$329,500
Serene setting in Pied. Pines. 3BD/2.5BA. Beamed ceilings, skylights, decks, master suite & charm. Dian Hymer

HILLER HIGHLANDS.....\$328,500
3BD, 2.5BA, corner unit, 2 fireplaces, partial bay view, skylights & a loft. Ollie Hammerel

ROCKRIDGE.....\$319,000
Brown shingle beauty - 3+BD, 1.5BA, gourmet kitchen, wood detail & sunny yard. Donna DeBardi

GREAT ORINDA STARTER.....\$289,000
Level yard & patio off DR. Master suite, 3BD/2BA, eat-in kitchen & formal dining, fireplace & hardwood floors. Walk to theatre & shops. Donna DeBardi

COUNTRY RETREAT.....\$283,000
Montclair - walk to school, shops and transportation! 3 bedrooms, 2 baths plus separate 1 bedroom, 1 bath living suite. Dell M. Orr

STATELY VICTORIAN.....\$259,000
Turn of the century Victorian near Alameda's famed Gold Coast. Currently used as a duplex. Fritz Hochfeller

NORTH OAKLAND.....\$239,000
Wonderful two story home on the Elmwood border. 3BD, 2BA, eat-in kitchen, hwd flrs & fireplace. Victor Fierro

SPECTACULAR VIEW.....\$225,000
3BD, 2BA with spacious living & dining rooms. Quality throughout. Granite counter in updated kitchen. 24-hour doorman. Phyllis Milenbach

CHARMING SPANISH.....\$215,000
2BD/1BA recently redone. Light & open, fabulous garden, hardwood floors, fireplace. Stacy Winett

CUSTOM CONDO.....\$107,000
Hardwood floors, tile counter tops, many built-ins. Central location, serene outlooks. 1BD, 1BA. Phyllis Milenbach

BY APPOINTMENT



RARE ALBANY 4 BEDROOM.....\$349,000
Sunny & bright brown shingle, completely updated with skylights, hardwood floors, beautiful kitchen, baths and master suite. Walk to schools, shops and transportation.

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NATURE LOVER'S RETREAT IN KENSINGTON.....\$325,000
JUST LISTED! Huge decks w/huge pano views of Tilden Park, super private & quiet, 3BR, 2BA with detached studio on .37 acre double lot. You will have to have this property!

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- 1416 GRANT.....BERKELEY.....3+BR/2BA.....\$379,000.....KAREN BRAND
- 960 EUCLID.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$349,000.....JOHN SEFTON
- 50 LATHAM LANE.....BERKELEY.....2BR/1BA.....\$285,000.....DIANA KAY
- 1600 CURTIS.....BERKELEY.....2+BR/1BA.....\$209,000.....JEANNE MCHUGH
- 1111 JONES.....BERKELEY.....3BR/2BA.....\$179,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 654 BELOIT.....KENSINGTON.....3BR/2BA.....\$325,000.....CHERYL CAHN
- 1518 SONOMA.....ALBANY.....3BR/1.5BA.....\$300,000.....NANCY REICHERT
- 821 ARLINGTON.....EL CERRITO.....4BR/2BA.....\$298,000.....TRICIA SWIFT
- 5843 SANTA CRUZ.....RICH. ANNEX.....2BR/2BA.....\$195,000.....MELISSA LYCKBERG
- 395 ADAMS.....OAKLAND.....4BR/1.5BA.....\$199,000.....JERRY LONG

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

GRAND SCALE BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....\$625,000
JUST LISTED! Magical throughout with original detailing intact. Beautiful 3BR/1+BA main house with views, formal dining room, hwd flrs, with downstairs 1BR/1BA in-law. Wonderful rear garden w/enchanting 1BR/1BA cottage + detached office. One of a kind North Berkeley property.

KENSINGTON WITH S.F. VIEWS.....\$419,000
There is room to spare in this European style home with 5BR/3BA and a family room. Bay views from almost every room, hardwood floors, imported tiles and beam ceilings. Freshly painted and ready to move in.

NORTH BERKELEY SWEETHEART.....\$329,000
Walk to the gourmet ghetto from this 3BR, 2BA contemp w/large LR & DR + lg deck & fam rm! Great for entertaining.

BAY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM.....\$309,000
MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! Dramatic Berkeley hills contemp w/floor to ceiling glass in living room. 3BR, 2BA, new hwd & tile floors, updated kitchen & secluded patio.

BERKELEY HILLS JEWEL.....\$285,000
JUST LISTED! High in the hills, this darling 2BR home is full of sunlight & will charm your socks off! Formal DR, hwd flrs, French doors from kit open to priv, quiet patio.

LEOLA HALL BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....\$279,000
Nestled in the trees, this upgraded craftsman beauty has 3BR/1.5BA, a study, formal dining and hardwood floors. Includes new foundation, kitchen and baths. Walk to College Ave. shops and restaurants.

BERKELEY NEAR UC.....\$255,000
3+BR/2BA home near UC needs work, and the Seller needs an offer!

BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE COTTAGE.....\$225,000
REDUCED! Charming 3BR w/detached studio, FDR, hwd flrs & many structural upgrades. Ready to move-in!

OAKLAND CRAFTSMAN COSMETIC FIXER.....\$199,000
JUST LISTED! Two story craftsman with 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, formal dining plus large yard. This is a great opportunity to create your dream house!

BERKELEY VICTORIAN FARMHOUSE.....\$209,000
Darling farmhouse with French doors to sunny deck. 2BR, hwd flrs, frpl, plus a detached studio/office area.

NORTH BERKELEY CONDO.....\$199,000
Across from Walnut Square, half a block from Chez Panisse! Spacious 2BR, 2BA unit with big balcony and fireplace. Includes storage room, laundry and parking.

OAKLAND/ BERKELEY LOTS

SUPER BERKELEY/CLAREMONT LOT.....\$135,000
Nearly .25 acre with panoramic views. Expensive homes rebuilt all around this gentle downslope.

BAY VIEWS FROM BERKELEY.....\$99,000
REDUCED \$16,000! Downslope lot in the prestigious Claremont area with great Bay views and southern exposure.

PRESTIGE LOT FOR SPECTAC. HOME.....\$87,000
Bay and hill vistas from this large level building pad at the top of a knoll. Owns 2.5 acres.

BAY VIEW AND READY TO BUILD.....\$75,000
REDUCED \$25,000! Above Hiller Highlands, downslope lot with SF & bay views. Previous site of 5 year old home with plans, engineering & soils report.

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Trees

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tree was big and green and looked awkwardly adolescent — gangly, not quite formed. Long, pliable branches going every which way were thickly covered with leaves. Pretty enough in youth, but somehow — unpredictable. There was no telling where this tree would go next.

The tree man came. He worked away, thinning, cutting back. There was less of it when he climbed down, but clearly, the situation was not static. The tree man said solemnly, "It will only get worse."

The next year we had the tree cut down. It was sad, but it was necessary.

I did have enough sense not to plant an ash this time, but in addition to the others I added, I allowed my son to put in a baby fir tree.

Only a few inches tall when he got it four years ago, it has grown some distance since then — about 15 feet and running.

The other day I said to my son, "Nick, I'm really worried about your tree. It is growing very fast, and I think we'd better cut it down while we still can."

"No, Mom," he replied, not unexpectedly. "You can't cut it down. It's my tree, and I love it."

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpoff & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

Free disposal of toxic wastes

Residents of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville and Oakland may properly dispose of their unwanted paint, batteries and oil free of charge. Temporary weekend drop-off sites will be established from December to April.

Residents will be asked to bring household hazardous waste (up to five gallons of paint and 20 gallons of oil per trip) to a drop-off site in Berkeley or Oakland.

These products will be accepted: oil-based paint, stains, varnishes and thinners, latex (water-based) paint, lead-acid batteries (automobile, truck and motor-cycle batteries), used motor oil and used antifreeze.

Appointments are required to minimize delays for the participants. To make an appointment, call (800) 750-4096 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Project

Closet organizer puts everything in its place

By Don and Dave Runyan

Because most closets have just one horizontal pole and one top shelf, most closet owners make use of only about half the available space.

The usual result is some serious clutter.

Here's a simple do-it-yourself project to help any closet reach its full, uncluttered potential.

This closet organizer has compartments for suits and jackets, long coats and dresses, shirts, pants, hats and shoes, plus four drawers for socks and other smaller items.

It can be customized to fit a closet of almost any size, and it's built primarily from particle board, which makes the unit light and easy to pack up and move.

Moreover, the materials required for this project are inexpensive and easy to find. They include three 4x8 sheets of particle board, one sheet of hardboard, dowels, glue and nails.

The key to the project is the moveable main unit. It can stand

in the center, as shown, or be moved to one side, depending on the closet's layout.

The adjoining poles and shelves are cut to fit the remaining space. The main unit measures 78 inches tall by 36 inches wide by 20 inches deep.

The Moveable Closet Organizer plan, No. 743, is \$6.50 and includes step-by-step instructions with 13 photos, exploded assembly diagrams, full-size patterns, a complete shopping list and a cutting schedule and layout.

In addition, a catalog picturing hundreds of other do-it-yourself projects for indoors and out is available for \$3.95.

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Strategies for long-term investment

Most analysts agree, financial markets will be characterized by significant levels of volatility during the months ahead. Given these projections, how should you proceed in the timing of your investments?

One strategy you may wish to consider is to forget market timing and focus on the long-term picture instead. Chicago's Ibbotson Associates has demonstrated that market timing has a minimal impact on your long-term investment return. Instead, Ibbotson contends, your asset allocation decision will have a far greater impact on returns than either market timing or securities selection.

The right choices

The Federal Reserve recently raised its rates several times, making it clear it anticipates an increase in inflation, due to reported strength in the economy. Whether or not higher inflation occurs, the mere fact that this concern exists has had a major effect on both the bond and stock markets.

Keeping in mind your personal financial needs, as well as the fact that any investment should be part of your long-term asset allocation strategy, you may wish to consider the following investment ideas and strategies, which may be appropriate in the current economic environment.

Floating rate notes Unlike traditional fixed-rate bonds, which experience a decrease in price when rates rise, "floaters" bear coupons whose interest rates change periodically, thus allowing their holders to participate in rate increases and help preserve the value of their investment.

Adjustable rate preferreds ARPs represent ownership in a company and have no present maturity date, like common stock, but they also pay a "fixed" quarterly dividend. Since ARPs change their dividends every quarter in line with government bond rates, they give investors some degree of protection against the adverse

effects interest rate movements can have on price.

Cyclical stocks Many experts think cyclical stocks could continue to provide exceptional gains despite fluctuations in rates. Remember, the Fed raised interest rates because of economic strength, which is good for earnings and so good for selected groups of economically sensitive stocks.

Laddered portfolios When you buy a laddered portfolio of fixed-income investments, the total dollar amount is spread among securities with different maturities. Some of your money is invested in short term, with the rest invested in intermediate- and long-term maturities.

If interest rates drop your portfolio is partially protected against reinvestment risk, because longer-term maturities continue to earn higher rates.

If interest rates rise, proceeds are reinvested at new, higher levels as shorter-term maturities come due, thereby improving your portfolio's return.



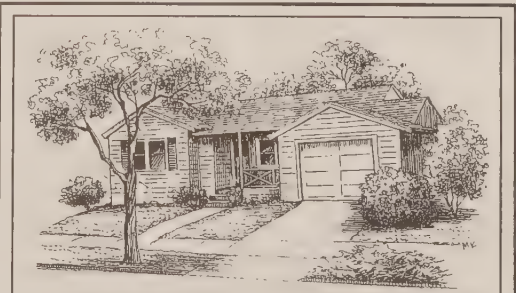
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The large variety of fixed-income investments currently available lets you choose and adjust the timing of investments to match your current and future income needs.

To learn more about these exciting opportunities, talk to your financial advisor. He or she can help you select the investments and strategies that are best suited to your investment style and goals, and can provide you with the information you'll need to make a prudent decision.

Leila Gough is a financial advisor with Prudential Securities in Oakland. She can be reached at 446-1999.



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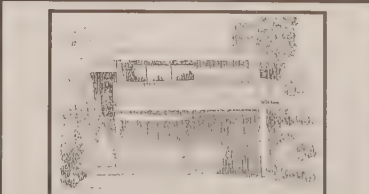
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New shopping center planned at Tri-Valley

Retail developer Homart Community Centers and Alameda County officials are proceeding with development plans for Tri-Valley Crossings, a proposed 1,000,000-square-foot community shopping center in Dublin, approximately 20 miles southeast of Oakland.

The 75-acre site is located two miles east of I-680 on the north side of I-580 at Hacienda Drive in Dublin. The site is part of Alameda County's 930-acre Santa Rita property.

Homart plans to begin construction in first quarter 1995, with retailers opening for business in late fall 1995.

"Our proposed Tri-Valley Crossings community center offers value-oriented retailers the ideal location to reach the underserved Tri-Valley market,"

said Glenn Anderson, Homart development director, Western Region.

"It will be the first opportunity for retailers to locate in a major power center close to the I-680 and I-580 interchange. Retailers are very interested."

The Tri-Valley Crossings center will be very visible from I-580 and will be easily accessible from the highway. In addition, the retail center is one-half mile east of a new Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station currently under construction.

The center's value-oriented tenants may feature merchandise including sporting goods, linens, books, ready-to-wear apparel, computers, office supplies and furniture.

Lease discussions also are underway for a 20- to 24-screen

movie complex.

While Homart negotiates with potential tenants, Alameda County officials are finalizing infrastructure plans for the 930-acre master-planned community in the Dublin area, and are conducting engineering studies for construction drawings to provide sewer and water service to the site.

"Alameda County is committed to completing all the necessary steps to ensure the infrastructure will be in place when required to complete development of the Homart site," said Adolph Martinelli, head of Alameda County Planning Department.

"We're working closely with the City of Dublin and Dublin/San Ramon Services District (SRSD) to make this happen concurrent with the rezoning process."

"We've also been negotiating and have nearly completed an area-wide contractual agreement that would guarantee utility capacity to the property," Martinelli said.

"We've also entered into contracts with engineering firms to provide detailed survey, title and subdivision information, and to create a master drainage plan for the property. Installation of these infrastructure improvements will be concurrent with site development."

The City of Dublin has approved both a general and a specific plan for the mixed-use development of the Santa Rita property, including the proposed Tri-Valley Crossings property, county

land, and additional land to the east of the site.

Demographics

Homart's planned Tri-Valley Crossings will serve the rapidly growing regional trade area of Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Livermore. Consumers in the Central Valley, East Bay and Central Contra Costa County communities also will be important to the center's retailers.

More than 200,000 consumers with an average annual household income in excess of \$70,000 live within the primary trade area. From 1990-1993, the area's population increased at a rate of 6.9 percent.

Homart Community Centers is the community center development and management division of Homart established in 1989 to design and construct community shopping centers nationwide. The division has developed, or currently has under construction 6.9 million square feet of retail space nationwide.

Chicago-based Homart is the commercial real estate development and management arm of Sears, Roebuck and Co. Founded in 1959, Homart has grown to be a leader in the commercial real estate industry with nearly 87 million square feet of retail, office and multi-use space to its credit nationwide.

For leasing information on Tri-Valley Crossings, contact Glenn Anderson at (303) 297-9720, or Sandra Weck of CB Commercial at 930-2027.

Q & A

Q: I recently made an offer to purchase a home. When we filled out the contract, I had some questions about the arbitration clause which my agent was unable to answer, such as: What are the advantages and disadvantages of arbitration? What might I be giving up? What can you tell me about this provision?

A: First, the positive side. The objective of the arbitration provision is actually quite simple. It's to provide an alternative means to resolve legal and substantive problems with home sale contracts.

Fast — efficient — economical — these are the descriptive adjectives which are commonly used to describe the process. This is how the process works.

The parties to a dispute each agree to select a neutral or impartial third party, referred to as the arbitrator. The arbitrator hears each side's version of the dispute. The opposing parties may be represented by their own attorneys.

After each side has presented his/her case, the arbitrator decides which side should prevail.

Arbitration proceedings are private. Potentially embarrassing or sensitive information can be kept confidential. Economical, speedy, fair — so ... what's the problem??

To answer this question, let's cut the process up into smaller parts roughly in chronological order.

When the parties write up the deposit receipt and initial the arbitration clause, are they properly informed as to the nature of the choice they have just made?

Most real estate agents are not in a position to counsel their clients on the advantages and disadvantages of arbitration, so from the start the average buyer or seller is poorly informed.

Is it really faster and cheaper? While we constantly hear of how slow the courts work, most counties in the Bay Area use a fast-track system where delay is just not tolerated. With numerous settlement conferences and very full calendars, judges wield considerable power to move the process forward. Nevertheless, it is likely that arbitration will be slightly faster.

Dispute resolution takes time. Each side needs time to develop and to prepare its case. Uncovering pertinent facts and consulting with expert witnesses all take time.

What about cost? Remember that small problems will be under the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court. This means that the amount at stake will be considerable and that both sides will be represented by attorneys. The amount of preparation required by an arbitration is



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equal to that required by a trial, and that a trial and an arbitration are likely to take about the same amount of time.

While the courts are essentially free, the parties must pay for the services of the arbitrator.

Arbitration is usually described as more informal, and this turns out to be also a source of weakness. Because there is no record of the proceedings, all of the testimony from the parties and the experts is at the mercy of the memory of the arbitrator. This seems to me to increase the possibility of error.

To be fair, I'm sure that arbitrators work very hard at preserving testimony and at rendering a decision. But what happens when they make a mistake?

This is the most serious problem with binding arbitration. By definition, binding arbitration is an agreement between the parties to resolve their differences out of court. Therefore, the courts will not review the decision of the arbitrator.

This is precisely the problem with arbitration that most offends the legal community — and for good reason. In the most garden-variety trial, the judge must make two basic determinations: Which rule of law is applicable, and has the plaintiff presented sufficient evidence to support a verdict in his favor?

Judges take these tasks extremely seriously because they are central to the job and they hate being overturned on appeal. There is no similar check on arbitration decisions.

Questions such as what rule of law, burden of proof, sufficiency of the evidence, appropriate standards all rest exclusively with the arbitrator. So even if the arbitrator gets every detail of the facts perfectly, the decision may not be in harmony with a similar case in the courts.

And yet is this not what we ask of arbitration? Arbitration decisions ought to be consistent with their counterparts in the court system. Anything else is unsatisfactory, yet that is precisely what is at risk when the parties to a dispute choose arbitration.

Barbara and Dennis Hendricks are partners in The Hendricks Company. Send questions to Hills Newspapers, Real Estate, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, or call 540-6000.

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Mason-McDuffie Real Estate's El Cerrito office will host a special Welcome Home For The Holidays Open House Extravaganza this Sunday, Dec. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. at more than 20 designated properties currently listed with the El Cerrito office. At each open house, visitors will have the opportunity to enter the Holiday Turkey Raffle. One lucky winner will be selected from each property to receive a free turkey. For more information call 527-9800. The Mason-McDuffie El Cerrito office is located at 10240 San Pablo Ave.

Rose Foundation gives \$500 to greening project

The Rose Foundation continues its unique Oakland Neighborhood Environmental Grants Program with a \$500 grant to the Lockwood/Coliseum Gardens Residents Greening project.

The grant will support residents' efforts to transform barren grounds at some of Oakland's toughest hous-

ing projects into self-sustaining communities which are environmentally sound.

The overall project seeks to combine organic food gardens with alternative transportation and power generation.

The brainchild of Oakland activist Linda Schneider, the project is a

collaborative effort involving residents, employees of the Oakland Housing Authority, police and security staff, local businesses, environmental organizations, and Councilmember Nate Miley.

"Our intention is to create new social models which emphasize everyone's well-being and which

will respond to the changing political dynamic," says Schneider.

"We've started this program in the toughest projects in Oakland because everyone has unique worth as an individual, regardless of the environment into which they were cast."

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Third quarter 1994 home sales reach highest level in five years

Sales of homes in California increased 2.5 percent during the third quarter from a year ago, but declined 7 percent from the unusually strong pace of the second quarter, according to a recent report from the California Association of Realtors (CAR).

"Sales activity in the third quarter was in line with our expectations, given the current interest rate environment," said 1995 CAR President Ed Albers.

"Despite the moderate decline in sales from the key spring homebuying season, the sales pace during the third quarter was still at its highest level in five years," said Albers, a Sacramento Realtor.

"To top it off, it was the fifth consecutive time that quarterly sales have surpassed year-ago levels," Albers said.

Among highlights of CAR's third-quarter housing figures:

- Statewide, 458,890 existing, single-family detached homes closed escrow during the third quarter on a seasonally-adjusted, annualized basis — down 7.0 percent from an annualized rate of 493,510 sales in the second quarter of 1994.

- Third quarter sales increased 2.5 percent from the third quarter 1993 pace, when 447,740 homes were sold on an annualized basis.

The annualized figure represents what would be the total number of homes sold during 1994 if sales occurred at the third quarter pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors which influence home sales.

- Statewide, the median sales price of an existing, single-family home was \$183,490 in the third quarter, down 0.8 percent from \$185,000 in the second quarter, and down 2.1 percent from

\$187,380 in the third quarter 1993.

- Fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 8.60 percent during the third quarter, compared with 8.65 percent in the second quarter, 7.07 percent in the third quarter 1993, according to the Home Loan Mortgage Company.

Adjustable mortgage rates averaged 5.53 percent during the third quarter, compared with 5.32 percent in the second quarter and 4.46 percent in the third quarter of 1993.

"The Federal Reserve's action this week was no surprise and appears to already have been counted by the financial markets," said Leslie Appleton-Young, CAR's vice president of research and economics.

"The Fed's action was designed to keep inflation under control and temper overall economic growth as we move into 1995. This should set the stage for a rise in mortgage interest rates in the spring homebuying season," Albers said.

- CAR's Unsold Inventory index was 9.1 months during the third quarter, up from 7.8 months in the second quarter, but down from 10.9 months during the third quarter 1993. The index is a measure of the number of months it would take to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate. A 10- to 12-month supply of homes is considered normal for the California housing market.

- Sales of existing condominiums declined 14.1 percent during the third quarter on a seasonally-adjusted basis, compared with the second quarter. Condominium sales increased 3.6 percent during the third quarter of 1993.

The statewide median

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5958 GLENARMS DR, Montclair 3/2, Close-in Loc, Quality Materials \$425,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

5405 BROADWAY TERR, Decorator Perfect Unit, Security Bldg, 3/2 \$395,000
The GRUBB Co., Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

2 SELKIRK ST, New Listing! Redwood Hts 3/2+, Gorgeous English \$382,500
Pacific Union, Dee Knowland 339-6460

5040 GOLDEN GATE, Upr Rockridge 3/3, Lg, Eat-in Kit, Vw \$379,000
Mason McDuffie, Nancy Hinkley 428-0900/482-4088

1633 TRESTLE GLEN RD, Wonderful 4/2, FDR, Hd Flrs, Must See! \$369,000
Coldwell Banker, Victor Fierro 339-1174

4938 STONERIDGE, 3 Bd \$365,000
Gadsby & Associates, Bob 523-6622 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

19 BINNACLE HILL, H. Hglds 2/2 Townhome, Terrific Vws, Upgrds \$349,500
Coldwell Banker, Pat Whittingslow 339-1174

643 HILLGIRT CIR, Haddon Hill 5/2 1/2, Elegant Hm/ Neighbhd, Ctyd \$349,500
Mason McDuffie, H. Converse 869-4212

6920 BRISTOL, Nw 3/3, Open, Airy Contemp, Decks, 2 Car Grg \$349,000
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 635-9103

1972 MAGELLAN DR, New Listing! Gracious Montclair Tudor, 3/1 1/2 \$340,000
Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

2962 BURDECK, Sylvan Set, Cstm Desgnd Contemp, @1/3 Ac, 3/3 \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

859 ROSEMOUNT RD, Crocker 3/1 1/2, Nw Kit, Expansion Potential \$335,000
The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400

308 TAURUS AVE, Montclair 3/2 Contemp, Mstr St, Part Bay Vw \$335,000
Mason McDuffie, Lynn Calvert 869-4246

5710 MORAGA AVE, Montclair 2/2, Serene, Remodeled, 4 Acre \$329,000
Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

6020 SNAKE RD, 1st Open! Montclair 2+2+, Henry Hill Contemp \$325,000
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

1019 HARVARD RD, Crocker Hglds, Elegant Trad, Fml Liv & Din \$314,500
The GRUBB Co., Sherri Wilson Oakley 339-0400

5954-6 CLAREMONT, Duplex, Charming Owner's Unit + Sunny Apt \$299,500
JT Ward, Patt Wexler 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1855 MANZANITA, Reduced \$20K! Montclair Contemp, 3/2, Move-in \$299,000
Wells & Bennett, Marie Kenaga 339-1774 MLS 033283

3063 CARLSEN, 3+bd, Mint! View, Full In-law \$299,000
Mason McDuffie, M. Cusak 869-4216

5878-80 CHABOT RD, 2 Flats, Rockridge, Extra Rms, Hot Tub, Etc \$295,000
JT Ward, Nancy Plattford 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6150 ASPINWALL RD, Montclair 2+1+1 Sunny Trad, Upgrades, Den \$289,500
Pacific Union, Nancy Donnelly 339-6460

855 NORTHALE RD, Nw Pricel Crocker Best Buy! 5/4, Lvl Yard \$289,000
The GRUBB Co., Judy Cain 339-0400

1857 MAGELLAN DR, Montclair Unique Contemp, 3/2 1/2, Updtd Kit \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

5439 ESTATES DR, 1st Open! New Listing! Upper Rockridge \$289,000
The GRUBB Co., Marilyn Watson 339-0400

5627 GENOA, 4 Units, Rents Can Pay Mortgage, \$40K Down \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 034188

24 BUCKEYE, Upr Rockridge English Trad, 2/1, FDR, Bay Vw \$289,000
Coldwell Banker, Adrienne Broche 339-1174

5916 ALHAMBRA AVE, Montclair, 2/1, Gardener's Delight \$285,000
Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 339-8400

5321 THOMAS AVE, Rockridge 3/1, Lovely Trad, Pest Clear! \$279,000
Mason McDuffie, Dresser 869-4224

6804 SNAKE RD, Montclair Chalet, Grmt Kit, 3+2 1/2 \$275,000
The GRUBB Co., Anian Pettit Tunney 339-0400

4255 NORTON, Redwood Hts 3/2, Nestled In Pvt Knoll, Immaculate \$269,900
Better Homes, M.J. McConville 287-9583/339-4000

4218 COOLIDGE AVE, Lincoln Hts 2+2, Incredible Style, Vws \$269,500
Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-8400

4184 MONTGOMERY ST, Wlk- Piedmont Ave, 4/2 Trad, Double Lot! \$269,000
Marvin Gardens, Ken Katz, 428-4023

4305 FAIR, Big Reduction! 3/3, Nw Constr, Bay Vws, Fam Rm \$269,000
Better Homes, Carol Cohen 339-8400

6621 WOODLAND PL, Montclair 2+1 Cottage, Updt Kit, Adj Lot \$265,000
Better Homes, Jan Neff 339-8400

5238 DESMOND ST, New Listing! Crtsmn Bungalow, Remod Kit \$264,500
JT Ward, Barbara Kami 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6762 BANNING DR, Grt Pricel! Spacious, Quiet 3/2, Nds Cosmetics \$259,000
Templeton Co., 652-2133 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

842-842A WALLER, Reduced, 2 Units- 2bd Upr 1bd Dwn, 2 Cr Grge \$258,500
Owner (Agnts 3%) MLS, 834-8768 OPEN SUNDAY NOON-4

2 VETERAN WAY, Lwr Glenview Medit 3/1 1/2, FDR, Gourmet Kit, Spa \$258,000
Watergate Sales Co., Virginia or Clem 531-3723 OPEN SUNDAY 1-5

17 WHITTLE CT, 1st Time Open! 3/1 1/2, Great Garden, Lg Home \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, K. Buchholz 466-5509

59 MELVIN CT, Single Lvl Contemp, 2/2, Bay Vw Deck \$258,000
Wells & Bennett, Sharon Hammond 839-5846 MLS 035425

5856 CHABOT CT, Rockridge 2/1 Perfect Strtr, Refnsh Mahgny Rm \$258,000
JT Ward, Barbara Wilcox 845-6021 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

334 GUIDO, Redwood Hts 3/2, Frplc- Liv Rm, Spacious, Sunny \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, Susan Casqueiro 834-2010/238-0596

3800 SEQUOYAH, Lg Sequoyah Hills Hm, 3+2 1/2, Close To Transp \$258,000
Better Homes, Lois Johnson 339-8400

4027 MIDVALE, Upr Laurel 3/1 1/2, Smashing Remodeled, Rec Rm \$258,000
Better Homes, Carin Caroe 339-8400

2575 EL CAMINITO, Park-like Setting, 2bd, Solarium & Sun Rm \$258,000
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymer 339-1174

3956 CANON AVE, "The Creekside", Stunning 2bd, Grmt Kit, Frpl \$258,000
436-5759 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4

4519 DAVEPORT AVE, Reduced! Rdwd Hts 2+1/1, Pano Vw, +Spa \$258,000
Better Homes, Arnold Mueller 530-6099/339-4000

4671 DAVENPORT, 2/2, Charming, 3 Bdrge Vw, Fam Rm \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, Dianne Campbell 834-2010/238-0596

4518 MATTIS CT, 1st Open! 3/2+ Lg Hm, Master Ste, FDR \$258,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

1656 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair 2/1, Updtd Kit, New Paint/ Carpet \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, John Nielsen 869-4256

3309 WISCONSIN ST, Laurel 2/1 Adorable Span Medit, Hdwd Flrs \$258,000
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

3039 KANSAS ST, Laurel Legal Duplex, Tudor, Charm \$258,000
Better Homes, Michael Harding, 654-2669

3952 CANON, Nw Constr, Gourmet Kit, Hdwd, Frplc, 2/2 \$258,000
Wells & Bennett, Dick Cohen 339-1174 MLS 035378

3532 HARBOR VIEW, Redwood Hts 2+1/1, Bay Vw, Lg Yard \$258,000
Better Homes, Jennie Lippincott 655-7137/339-4000

73 SAMARIA LN, New Listing! 2/2 Conveniently Located, Mstr Ste \$258,000
Coldwell Banker, Sherry Benninger 339-1174

395 ADAMS, 4 bd 1 1/2 Ba \$258,000
Coldwell Banker, Jerry Long 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

4020 COOLIDGE AVE, Upr Dimond 2/1, Move-in Cond, Remodeled \$258,000
Better Homes, Arthur Macomber 287-2658/339-4000

4000 FRUITVALE AVE, 3/3, Spacious W/ Fam Rm, Must See! \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, Boze 869-4216

4231 GILBERT ST, Charming 2bd, Pied Ave Area, Well Maintained \$258,000
The GRUBB Co., Linda E. McClain 339-0400

4600 VIRGINIA, Maxwell Pk Renovated, Spacious 3/2, Vw \$258,000
Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 530-8211 MLS 034753

4443 PAMPAS AVE, 1st Open! Spacious Tudor Style 2+1/1, FDR \$258,000
Wells & Bennett, Lee Jacobson 654-5161 MLS 035416

4073 39TH AVE, Upr Laurel 3/2, In-law Set-up, Vw, Dbl Lot \$258,000
Mason McDuffie, Eunice 834-2010/763-7716

2218 TIFFIN, Best Buy In Areal Cute Cottage, 2/1, Hill Vws \$258,000
Wells & Bennett, Sandy Klemmer 654-4804 MLS 035131

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Now may be time to take real estate exam Stats

By H.W. Moss

If you've been thinking about it but keep putting it off, now may be a great time to get your real estate license.

A real estate license is a valuable asset, a tool which unlocks the doors to a variety of careers. In addition to allowing the holder to legally earn a commission as a sales person, a license is required in order to be a property manager, to work for most developers or to broker loans.

During the fiscal year 1993-94 which ended in June, nearly 24,000 Californians passed the Department of Real Estate (DRE) examination to become either a real estate broker or a sales associate. A statewide list of new licensees is published twice a month in the Inter-City Express and the Daily Commerce.

The test is given daily at six locations throughout the state, and last month an additional 2,500 people passed — which explains why the number of schools specializing in assisting people to get and then retain their real estate license has grown into something of a cottage industry in California.

Yet the question remains: Why go into real estate today? Recent interest rate hikes combined with a soft market have resulted in what many believe is one of the slowest periods in California's otherwise golden real estate industry.

The answer can be found in the numbers. While it may at first appear there are enough existing and new licensees, in reality the quantity of people seeking to obtain or who already have a real estate license is on the decline.

The education section of the DRE in Sacramento says that, through October, the number of exams being given compared to the previous year is down 17 percent. The DRE also takes an informal quarterly poll of real estate schools. The results show that, as of last quarter, enrollment in these schools is also down.

In addition, there is an attrition rate as people fail to renew their licenses for one reason or another. A license must be renewed for a fee every four years. Figures available from the DRE are valid through September, at which time there were 348,428 licensees in the state. Currently, there are fewer licensees, about 7.5 percent less, than there were three years ago.

"There's a shortage of people with licenses," said Jay Achenbach,

news reports. But because it often takes months to prepare for the exam, the result is that people usually become licensed well after the industry picks up, not before.

According to Achenbach, looking at licensing activity "is not a leading indicator, it's a lagging indicator. The news has not caught up with everyone yet that the recession is over and there is another real estate boom on the horizon for California."

A real estate education used to

DRE-accredited real estate schools, and another category loosely described as national firms interested in finding new employees.

Many professional organizations and associations of Realtors make continuing education, a license renewal requirement, a benefit of membership. But you need to have a license in the first place in order to join such a group.

Community colleges, state universities and independent business schools have all added real estate courses to their curriculums in an effort to cash in on first-timers as well as continuing education licensing requirements.

Independent DRE-accredited schools that specialize in training include Anthony Schools, Chamberlain Real Estate Schools and Achenbach's Allied Real Estate Schools.

The cost of getting through school has remained fairly stable, between \$184 to \$244 according to Achenbach. That includes a video, a software program, course material and test kits.

Some of the large national real estate companies, such as Century 21 and Mason-McDuffie, offer to train people to pass their exam. Although classroom courses are common, correspondence courses appear to be on the rise.

"Home study is galloping and classrooms are going down in attendance," observed Achenbach. "That's because it costs more money for classrooms now because of the state budget crunch. But the biggest reason is that most students do their study at home anyway."

Now may be the time to take your exam, but bear in mind you might have to sit for it more than once. The pass rate is hovering around 50 percent, which also means twice as many people pass it as receive their license.

H.W. Moss is a Realtor and freelance writer.

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of an existing condominium was \$141,150 during the third quarter, down 3.9 percent from \$146,810 in the second quarter. The third quarter figure declined 4.5 percent from \$147,850 in the third quarter of 1993.

The condominium Unsold Inventory Index was 12.0 months in the third quarter, up from 10.4 months in the second quarter, but down from 13.8 months in the third quarter of 1993.

Higher interest rates led to a decline in CAR's statewide Housing Affordability Index during September, compared with a year ago.

During September, 38 percent of California households earned the minimum income needed to qualify to purchase a detached home, down from 41 percent in

September 1993.

Assuming a 20 percent downpayment on a median-priced home, which sold for \$181,750 in September, a household needed a minimum annual income of \$49,990 to qualify for a home loan. The monthly mortgage payment on that home — including property taxes and insurance — would be \$1,250.

Fifty percent of households could qualify for a mortgage to purchase a median-priced condominium in September, down from 52 percent in September 1993. Assuming a 20 percent downpayment on a \$143,140 median-priced condominium, a household needed a minimum annual income of \$39,370 to qualify for a loan. The monthly mortgage payment on that condominium would be \$980.

'... there is another real estate boom on the horizon for California.'

—JAY ACHENBACH, PRESIDENT, ALLIED REAL ESTATE SCHOOLS

president of Allied Real Estate Schools in Orange County and author of three books on the subject of real estate. "We're seeing a pick-up in activity all along the assembly line. Brokers are calling us looking for help."

Apparently bucking the trend, Achenbach reported that his business is up over 25 percent from last year in the number of students seeking to pass both the sales associate and broker exams. But not all schools give the same glowing report.

"In '89 the market started slipping," said Donald Schwartz, CEO of California School of Real Estate in Oakland. "We got a pick-up in early '91 when interest rates dropped, which brought people into the lending side as opposed to residential sales."

But since then the number of enrollees has remained steady or gone down slightly, according to Schwartz. "Brokers are always asking for sales people," he said.

Achenbach explained that many people get into the industry after learning about positive trends from

be-on-the-job training. But too many people know nothing to start with and harmed more clients than they helped. As a result, the DRE instituted a variety of education requirements.

Before anyone is allowed to sit for their sales associate exam, they must complete at least one college-level course in real estate principles. After that, a sales person will need two additional courses within 18 months from among such topics as legal aspects, finance, appraisal, economics or escrows.

The broker exam has stiffer education requirements. In addition to two years of sales experience, which can be waived for graduates of a four-year college and those who have passed the state bar, broker candidates must have eight college courses in real estate under their belt before taking the exam.

No one is required to attend a real estate school in order to pass the exam itself and many study for it on their own.

There are three general categories of real estate school. These include public institutions, private

Rose

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Schneider will use the grant to supplement the many donations of plants and materials from the local business community. Schneider thanks the many participants, and emphasizes that this is a resident-directed project.

The Rose Foundation's Oakland Neighborhood Environmental Grants Program will award one \$500 grant per council district each year. The Neighborhood Environmental Grants Program is designed to encourage community environmental stewardship, and spark fresh solutions to local environmental problems.

Unlike most grant programs, the Neighborhood Environmental Grants Program targets grass-roots environmental efforts which traditionally do not receive grant funding.

Easy, one-page applications forms have been distributed throughout Oakland. Applications

are encouraged from residents' associations and other community groups who may not have recognized non-profit status.

The program has disbursed \$3,500 in grants in its first year. The Rose Foundation particularly hopes that members of Oakland's business community will step forward and provide additional sponsorship so that the size of the grants can be increased in 1995.

"To be blunt, we need sponsorship from the business community to even begin to address community needs," says Ratner.

The Rose Foundation is a new public charity dedicated to supporting win/win solutions to environmental and economic problems throughout California.

It is supported through public donations, and conducts educational seminars as well as disbursing grant awards.

For more information on the Rose Foundation, call 658-0702.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

1223 VALENTINE ST., 2/1, Grt House Grt Neighbhd! Grt Bkyl!	\$169,000
1220 MONADNOCK WAY, 1300+ sq. ft., FDR, Bkfst Rm, Fp, 2/1	\$165,000
2216 PARTIDGE, 2+1/2, Darling, Yard, View	\$165,000
51 ANAIR, Pano Vw Frm Most Rms, 3/2 1/2, Gated Community	\$165,000
4646 REINHARDT DR, Reduced! Redwd Hts 2+1/2, Cleared Pest Wk	\$159,000
1540 6TH AVE, 2+1/2, Space Galore, Original Charm Intact!	\$149,000
4028 BROOKDALE, Sunny 2bd, Pano Bay Vw, "Deco" Stone Frpl	\$144,900
2247 PARK BLVD, 2/1, Light, Airy, Bus At Door!	\$139,500
5186 FAIRFAX, 4 Bd	\$139,000
3207 RANDOLPH AVE, New Listing! Span Style 3/1, FDR, Bkfst Nk	\$139,000
3183 STUART ST, 3/1, Motivated Seller! Price Reduced!	\$135,000
322 HANOVER AVE #105, Elegant Condo, Gmd Flr, 3 Patios, 2/2	\$133,000
845 45TH ST, 2/1, Wd flrs, Frplc, FDR, Hot Tub!	\$129,750
4417 A PENNIMAN CT, Chrmg Bungalow, Cul-de-sac, 2/1, Updtd Kit	\$129,000
1120 HOLLYWOOD #3, Glenview Lovely Condo, Lg 1 Bd, Vw, Grge	\$127,000
3807 38TH AVE, Laurel 2/1 Starter, Cozy Bungalow, Neat As A Pin	\$125,000
507 WICKSON #104, Remod Condo Steps Frm Grnd! Lkeshore Ave	\$93,000
455 CRESCENT ST #117, Best Price In Bldg, Pvt Patio, 2/1 1/2	\$75,500
193 MONTECITO #201, Adams Pt Sharp Condo, 1/1, Oak Cabinets	\$64,500
2005 PLEASANT VALLEY #307, Rockridge Studio, FHA or VA	\$49,950

ALAMEDA Open Sunday

1417 SAN ANTONIO, Gold Coast 3+1/2 Queen Anne, Updtd Kit

1723 BAY ST, 2 Bd, Old World Charm W/ Modern Conveniences

ALBANY Open Sunday

1518 SONOMA, 3 Bd/ 1 1/2 Ba

1055 POMONA AVE, 1st Open! 2/1, Hill Vws, Fr Drs To Lvl Grdn	\$231,000
943 KEY ROUTE BLVD, 2/1 Charming Split Lvl, Bkfst Rm, FDR	\$219,000
78 EL CAMINO REAL, Claremont 7/3 1/2 Cratsman, Gorgeous Interior	\$699,000
151 EL CAMINO REAL, 4/2 Archit Dsgnd Contemp- The Claremont	\$675,000
111 EL CAMINO REAL, Reduced! Contemp, 4/2, Studies, Solarium	\$599,000
20 OAKVALE AVE, Secluded, Trees, Creek! 3/2 1/2, Study, Elevtr	\$535,000
166 HILLCREST DR, Claremont Brn Shingle, 4/3, Frml Liv & Din	\$535,000
1416 GRANT, 3+ Bd/ 2 Ba	\$379,000
960 EUCLID, 3 Bd/ 2 Ba	\$349,000
50 LATHAN LANE, 2 Bd/ 1 Ba	\$285,000
2211 BROWNING ST, Pristine Duplex, Rent Cntrl Exempt, 2/1 & 1/1	\$239,500
2734 ELLSWORTH ST, South Campus 3/2, 9 Yrs Young! Grt Loc	\$239,500
1617 VISALIA AVE, 1st Open! 3/1 Thousand Oaks Charmer! FDR	\$239,000
1899 HARMON ST, Tastefully Restored Duplex, 2/1 1/2 Up/ 2/1 Lwr	\$219,000
1600 CURTIS, 2+ Bd/ 1 Ba	\$209,000
1111 JONES, 3 Bd/ 2 Ba	\$179,000
2320 8TH ST, Victorian Chamer, 3/2, Detached Plus Rm, Garden	\$169,000
2632 HILLEGASS, Fabulous 900 Sq. Ft. Unit, Peek-a-boo Views	\$159,000
652 EL CERRO BLVD, 4/3, Pool, Spa, Fam Rm, Grt Condition	\$345,000
821 ARLINGTON, 4 Bd/ 2 Ba	\$298,000
1101 SHEVLIN DR, New Listing! 3/2, Pano Vw, Lvl In, Prvt	\$208,000
404 VILLAGE DR, Ec South, Rare Weston Vlg Hm, 2/1, Vw, Frp	\$255,000

DANVILLE Open Sunday

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

2610 DARIUS WY, Bay-O-Vista 3/2, Detailed, Hd Flrs, FDR, Fr Rm

197 PERSHING DR, The "Pond", 2/1, Vw/HVAC/VET, FDR

365 PERALTA AVE, The "Pond", 2/1, Wk- BART, FDR, Nook, More

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5518 FRESNO, Richmond Annex Spacious 4/2, Completely Remod

5843 SANTA CRUZ, Richmond Annex, 2 Bd/ 2 Ba

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Piedmont

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Author of this article, Joan Dark, is also a Piedmont Avenue neighborhood resident.

Materials such as the heart redwood used throughout are no longer available. This redwood has great density and termite resistance; it is unusual to find major deterioration, even after some 80 years.

Home prices range from the \$190,000s for a small, two-bedroom, one-bath bungalow to the \$280,000s for a beautifully preserved Craftsman bungalow with new kitchen, new bathrooms and garden.

Oddly, by today's standards, there are quite a number of homes with no driveways or garages.

At the turn of the century, however, people stabled their horses and buggies on the other side of Piedmont Avenue, in the area of Montell and Rio Vista streets.

They also used the new public transportation system which could get them to the Oakland estuary via street car, and San Francisco aboard the magnificent ferry fleet within a half hour.

There was no need for a garage then, but it poses a problem for present-day homeowners.

The Piedmont Avenue neighborhood is old enough to have seen several generations make the journey from Fabiola Hospital (now Kaiser) to Mountain View cemetery.

Within the past 10 years, many young families have moved in, attracted by the proximity to shopping and transportation, as well as the "walkability" of the area.

Within the past 20 years, the neighborhood has changed from older people with children grown up and gone, to single people and young marrieds planning and having families.

The trend of almost automatic movement to the suburbs in the '60s and '70s started to slow in the '80s and '90s as people rediscovered urban living.

The possibility of walking to the movies, grocery stores, shops, and restaurants began to make

sense again, and Piedmont Avenue's proximity to BART, AC Transit and freeways makes it attractive to commuters.

Now, as always, urban living is improved by citizen involvement in local issues, and Piedmont Avenue residents have a history of political activity.

Neighborhood concerns change with the times and people; over the past few years, crime and the schools have been major concerns, along with land use and planning.

The crime issue has been addressed in several ways.

The area has some of the most active home alert groups in Oakland. Trained by Oakland Police Department's Community Services Division, neighbors joined together in taking care of each other.

They keep a close eye on the neighborhoods, reporting suspicious activity. Also, community policing has had a very positive impact.

"We want to hear from people if someone is hanging around who you're not sure should be there," says Herb Noss, the community policing officer.

"Crime is on a definite downward trend in the past year, I'm sure partly because the bad guys know people are watching and will report them."

Piedmont Avenue itself has its own dedicated beat officer, Wendy Ray, who patrols the business district on a full-time basis.

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Neighborhood resident and sometime Avenue street sweeper Mike Lydon, left, chatted recently with Community Police Officer Herb Noss in front of Le Boulanger on Piedmont Avenue.

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Jeff Lindquist

This three-bedroom, 1-1/2 bathroom, Craftsman-style bungalow on Brandon, a quiet street off Piedmont Avenue, features original redwood detailing and a large yard. It recently sold in the \$250,000 price range.

St. Paul's expands adult computer classes

This year marks the burgeoning of a new program for St. Paul's School. The Adult Computer Program is the first of a group of programs which will fall under the umbrella of Community Programs. This pioneer project offers computer classes on the Macintosh for adults in our community.

The St. Paul's School Community Program began last year with a modest offering of adult computer classes such as Microsoft Word and Quicken. This year it has blossomed to nearly 30 classes offered on a wide range of subjects.

An impressive computer lab consisting of 22 color computers and a large screen that is connected to one of the computers for demonstration makes it possible for students to enjoy hands-on classes. Class size is limited so that each person is able to work at their own computer.

There is a full range of software taught. Many of our people have come to us with no previous knowledge of a computer. These same folks have discovered that they can!

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vices, E Mail and the Internet are opening to people in our community through this program.

To receive a schedule, call 465-2025, or pick one up at the school.

They are on the table to the right of the front door.

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The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **Faux Finish: The Art of Decorative Painting**, Thursday, Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$95; and **Attic Conversations**, Dec. 1, 7 - 10 p.m., \$35. Call 525-7610 to register.

Plumbing for Women, is presented by Women Empowering Women Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 2830 Ninth St., Berkeley. Learn how to repair leaky faucets, unclog drains and discover what's in the tank behind the toilet. Fee \$45 - 60 sliding scale. Call 649-6265 to register.

A seminar on **Estate Planning** will be presented Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. at Harbor Bay Community Center, 3195 McCarty, Alameda. Presented by Pat Harrington, broker associate, and Shirley Ellis, Realtor, topics will include: how to eliminate capital gains and estate taxes; how to provide a guaranteed lifetime income; facts and myths about living trusts; how to provide for your heirs through planned giving; and planning for incapacity. Register for this free seminar by call 522-5545 or 522-2324.

The 1994 **Home for the Holidays** house tour and raffle, a fundraiser for Prospect School, is Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

On view will be eight of the Area's most distinctive including architect Ratcliff's neo-classical Tudor with rusticated stone, a high-peaked slate roof, arches and a Jonathan Strong signed kitchen; Robert M. rotunda in the Oakland, latest California contemporary and a storybook cottage on historic Tamalpais Road featuring kitchen by David Stark. Among the 79 exciting prizes are a 12-day trip to five days in Hawaii, trips to Mexico, Disneyland and as well as dinners at some of the best Bay Area restaurants. Tickets to major sports events are \$30 including a box lunch. For more information and tickets, call 527-4155.

There's No Place Like Home — A Holiday House Tour place Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m., and is a benefit for the Community Play Center, the second oldest parent cooperative pre-school in California. The tour will feature rebuilt the fire area with architectural styles ranging from traditional Mediterranean to Craftsman Contemporary. Several homes were featured in the December issue of Sunset magazine. There will also be a craft fair at MCPC, 5815 The Dr., Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 601-6671 for more information.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley presents **Hands-on Wall Hanging Workshop**, Sunday, Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Call 525-7610 to register.

Home Maintenance Day is presented the first Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m.

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Women Empowering Women at 10 Ninth St., Berkeley. (Mon., Dec. 5: **How to Hire a Contractor**, \$5-\$10 donation at door. 649-6265 to sign up.

The Building Ecology Lecture presents David Easton, architect and advocate of rammed earth construction, and Bob Theis, architect and advocate of straw construction, leading a discussion about Sustainable Construction for the Future, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. at 865 Florida St. San Francisco. Sponsored by Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility. RSVP to 2428.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Heating, Ventilation and Conditioning (HVAC) for Homeowners, Tuesday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. \$35. Call 525-7610 to register.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Preconstruction: Before Build or Remodel, Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7-10 p.m. \$35. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents Basic Electrical Skills Workshop, Sat., Dec. 10 & 11, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. both days. \$180. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

A Holiday Home Tour through homes in Pacific and Presidio

Heights is Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 10 & 11, noon-4 p.m. Sponsored by The Little Jim Club, the event is a benefit for the Pediatric Programs at California Pacific Medical Center. Admission is \$20. For ticket purchase or tickets by mail, call (415) 567-7013.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **How to Buy Buildable Land**, Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. \$35. Reservations required. Call 525-7610.

Bring your sick plants to a **Free Plant Disease Clinic**, first Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-noon, at UC Botanical Gardens, Centennial Dr., Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. UC plant pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe will identify the problems and prescribe treatment for common pests and diseases. Call 642-3343 for more information.

Free Docent-Led Tours of UC Botanical Gardens are every Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Centennial Dr., Strawberry Canyon, Berkeley. See plant collections from around the world. The gardens are open daily 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Call 642-3343 for more information.

For inclusion in Events, send information to Maggie Sharpe, Real Estate, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland, 94619. Phone: 339-4047; FAX: 339-4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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The Whistlestop Program has also been a crime deterrent.

"There used to be more crime around here, although it was never very bad, but I think word got out that people weren't going to ignore it any more. It's much better now," says Margitta Gardner, one of the Whistlestop founders.

The schools continue to be an issue. Young families have felt forced to move to other areas when their children reached school age.

They love the area, their neighbors, their homes and gardens, but can't afford private schools, and haven't confidence in the public schools.

Now some 80 parents are organizing to take a look at what can be done to make the local elementary school more attractive to people with young children.

"We'd like to get the school and the community involved with each other again," says John Woodbury, one of the organizers of the new "School Involvement Project," sponsored by PANIL (Piedmont Avenue Neighborhood Improvement League, a community organization dedicated to working on local issues).

"There must be 300 to 400 little kids in this area who could go to our Piedmont Avenue School in a few years, so the time is right to get to work."

"This neighborhood has everything else going for it. It's very stable, centrally located, and it's full of good people. We believe in public schools, and with this new energy we could add a dimension that would benefit everyone," says Valerie Winemiller, chairperson of PANIL.



Jeff Lindquist

This two-bedroom, one-bath home on Howe Street features a remodeled kitchen and bath, hardwood floors and a small yard. Handy to major shopping and Kaiser Hospital, it recently sold in the \$190,000 price range.

Mike Lydon, a 45-year resident of the area and guiding light of the Merchants Association, agrees. "Piedmont Avenue is very much like a small town. It's truly a neighborly place. Over the past five years we have become quite well organized politically, both the merchants and the neighborhoods, so we are able to hold city officials accountable and get things done around here and make it even better."

While the merchants' association has hired a crew to keep the avenue clean five days a week,

Mike Lydon supplements their efforts the other two days.

He can be seen many mornings, before going to his regular job, tackling graffiti or tidying up the neighborhood he loves, chatting with the beat cop or Officer Noss.

He reflects many residents' belief that participation in the workings of your city make it a good place to live.

Joan Dark is a Realtor with Pacific Union in Montclair. She can be reached at 339-6460.

Belmonte to talk on outlook for commercial real estate

A forum on the future shape of the commercial real estate market, featuring popular speaker Luis Belmonte, Development Partner, AMB Properties, will be offered by the East Bay Commercial Real Estate Council and the Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 4:30-6 p.m. at OAR headquarters, 1528 Webster St.

Belmonte will address such trends and issues as brokerage and

marketing opportunities, commission basis, and the evolving marketplace.

There is no charge for the forum. Due to space limitations, advance registration is advised.

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SERENE SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....\$389,000 Four year old custom home w/privacy & bay views. 3BD/2+BA, exquisite mst ste, gracious DR, prime location. Nancy Donnelly	CHARMING ALBANY STARTER.....\$219,000 Sunny split level MacGregor. 2BD/1BA, breakfast room, hwdw floors, fireplace, deep lot, garage, walk to Solano. Joanna Gould

PACIFIC UNION 339-6460 1900 MOUNTAIN BLVD.

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Words	1 week	2 weeks	3 weeks	4 weeks	ea. additional week*
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21-25	\$28.50	\$56.00	\$82.50	\$102.00	\$25.50
26-30	\$32.75	\$64.50	\$95.25	\$118.00	\$29.50
31-35	\$37.00	\$73.00	\$108.00	\$134.00	\$33.50
36-40	\$41.25	\$81.50	\$120.75	\$150.00	\$37.50
41-45	\$45.50	\$90.00	\$133.50	\$166.00	\$41.50
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ea. additional 5 words	\$4.25	\$8.50	\$12.75	\$15.00	\$4.00

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Ads Beginning	Tuesday/Thursday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Monday
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Legal Ads	Tuesday/Thursday	Deadline	11:00 a.m. Friday
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We make every effort to avoid errors in advertisements. Please check your ad the first day it appears. If an error is noticed, call (510) 339-8777 immediately to inform us and to make the correction. We are not responsible for more than one incorrect insertion, or for errors that do not affect the value of the ad. Liability is limited to the cost of space occupied by the error. We cannot promise the order in which ads appear under one heading.

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Please retain the number you are given at the time you place your cancellation order. No adjustments will be made without a cancellation number. REFUNDS, CREDITS AND ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR REMAINING FULL WEEKS ONLY.

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Automotive

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted. Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1993 to help the homeless. Children. Please call us at 415 871-0885. We need Vans, Cars, RV's, Trucks. Thank you.

CHEV Cavalier, 1985. Well maintained, good tires, 2 door, automatic transmission. One owner \$2000 525-3069

CHEV Panel truck, 1954. New brakes, rebuilt transmission. Best offer: 521-9007

DATSUN 280 ZX, 1981, white, as-is, make offer 758-1859 evenings.

FORD, 1977 truck, 10 ft. van, 1250 lb lift gate, \$7,000 or best offer 524-8484

MAZDA, 1991 Miata Red, 5 speed, air, AM/FM cassette, mint. 18K miles, \$12,900 523-4123

MOBILE Diagnostics of used cars 15 years experience. Free phone advice. Complete check of Japanese \$30. Call 1-800-679-9202/24 hours

Announcements

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms. Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office

203 Found

To encourage our readers to advertise Found Items, The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Found ads free of charge for 2 weeks (maximum 15 words).

CORRECTIVE glasses near Rockledge Safeway, November 18th 653-6401

FOUND adult cat, long hair Siamese/Himalayan. Found near Piedmont. Call to identify: 654-1702

LADY'S Fossil watch on November 23, on Estates Drive near McAndrew, Oakland 339-8786

MALE Basenji hound and small black grey terrier mix. 35th Avenue/Victor Avenue area 531-1781

FOUND Keys on Clayton Ave., El Cerrito, November 23rd 601-2864

SWEET Orange Pussycat, found near downtown Berkeley BART, November 27. Fax 527-7895

204 Giveaway

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Giveaway ads free of charge for 2 weeks (maximum 15 words).

FREE 2 adorable, friendly, 1 year old cats. Vaccinated, neutered. Belongings included 653-1845

FREE to good home. 10 month, black dog. All shots spayed. Good with children 658-8977

"ALICE", black cat, female, 4 years. Kewpie doll, sweet, innocent, pure. Special case. 532-5040

207 Research Studies

VOLUNTEERS needed. Women, clerical workers, married/living with partner, with/without children. Single/parent. 30 minute questionnaire (510)523-3200, ext. 118

Education

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

CIRCLE PRESCHOOL
Offers programs for curious children ages 18 months to 6 years 547-6447

SMILES DAY SCHOOL
Pre-school program 2.5 - 5 years. Full-time and part-time. Before and after school program. Pick up and delivery to local elementary schools. 7:30-6:00 339-3830

303 Instruction & Tutoring

A LEARNING PLACE
Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, SAT Prep, Diagnostic Testing Oakland/Berkeley 521-2500

REACH FOR LEARNING
Reading, Writing, Spelling, Math, Diagnostic Testing, College Counseling, Children and adults 524-6455

CERTIFIED Teacher-Tutor, multi-sensory instruction. Reading, writing, spelling, math. References Nancy, Berkeley, 524-7064

MATH Tutor. Classroom teacher, B.A. Mathematics; over 15 Alameda and Albany clients. Henri DuCharme, 531-9576

THE FAMILY COOKERY

Private and group classes offered in planning and preparing excellent meals in one day to last an entire month. Call (510)527-5439

MACINTOSH tutor, patient and experienced, beginner/intermediate. Purchasing advice, modem, memory, system upgrades. Julian 237-2105

BLOOD Drawing Phlebotomy course by Boston Red Cross. Call 1-800-201-1141. State registered instructor- #2800291

PRIVATE COACHING for young women. Practical and essential business skills; personal development. Professional, articulate, fun. Complimentary consultation, call today: 601-8341

304 Musical Instruction

FLUTE lessons: experienced, creative teacher accepting students, all levels, all ages, Oakland hills studio, 531-0609

GUITAR or bass lessons. 26 years experience. Very patient. (Seniors special rate). Gene, 531-5625 message

NEED Christmas Eve Musical Director, Gospel/Christmas sing-a-long. Rent/your keyboard (510)530-9331

Employment

401 Help Wanted

ACCOUNT Clerk/Customer service. Must be accurate and dependable. Send resume to: H.C., 8001 Capwell Dr., Oakland, CA 94621

APARTMENT resident manager with experience for 18 unit China Hill building, part-time. Strong rental and creative marketing skills are essential. Send resume to: P.O. Box 10402, Oakland, 94610 or Fax 510-652-3212

Assistant Manager Trainees
GRAND OPENING
International company expanding in the Bay Area. Hiring dedicated people. Room for advancement. No experience necessary. Spanish is must. Diane 638-0590

MAID for first class motel. Apply on person: Campus Motel, 1619 University Avenue, Berkeley

LEGAL SECRETARY: Oakland branch office (Lake Merritt Plaza) has opening in interesting and challenging position. 5+ years civil litigation experience required, especially in law and motion and appellate. Office represents cities and other public entities. Individuals must be well organized, motivated, enjoy diversity, able to work independently, take responsibility and have good people skills. Experience with Mac and legal assistant certificate helpful. Excellent benefits, including paid transportation/ parking and profit sharing/pension. Friendly workplace. Fax or send resume to: McDonough, Holland & Allen, 555 Capitol Mall, 9th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, Attention: Elisea. Fax: (916)444-3311 EOE.

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Help Wanted

401 BARE ESSENTIALS

All Natural Cosmetics And Skin Care
Now accepting applications for seasonal positions in our 4th St. Berkeley store. 15-30 hours, afternoon and weekend shifts available. Applicants must be enthusiastic, energetic, and customer service oriented. Contact manager: (510) 528-8025

BOOKKEEPER (Full charge)/ Administrative assistant. Environmental consulting firm seeks responsible, energetic person to join our team. Fax resume and cover letter to (510)654-1960

BUSINESS Manager. Skillful handling of telephone, patient appointments, public relations, collections. Basic computer skills. 510-428-2532

CLEANER counter person, full-time, no experience, will train. 4364 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-658-2119

COOPERATIVE Cleaning Company is hiring cleaners \$9/hour to start, experience not necessary. Full-time, CDL required, EOE, non-homophobic. Call 849-0695

DENTISTS SEARCHING FOR... experienced RDA and receptionist with initiative and self-motivation for our exciting Berkeley practice. Call Debbie 510-849-9880

DOG Groomer. (Alameda). Professional, experienced only, reliable, self motivated. 523-5178

DRIVER/ Messenger. Full-time. Must drive stick \$4.25/hour 352-7490

DRIVER/ messenger with reliable car. Responsible, friendly, organized. Good pay, flexible hours. Long term. Send resume: 868 Walker Ave. #3A, Oakland 94610

ELMWOOD PHARMACY

Stockperson, 2900 College Ave., Berkeley 843-8877

ERRANDS/ Desk work person for lawyer. Flexible part-time, need own car. \$5 per hour. (510)530-9331

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Children's Fairland, Oakland. Non-profit storybook park. \$42,000-\$50,000/year. 5 years management experience. Send resume/letter of intent December 9th, 5 p.m. P.O. Box 20500, Oakland 94620. Information (510)339-2818

EXECUTIVE Secretary/ Administrative Assistant for Oakland consulting firm. Advanced Mac (not Windows) experience (7.1, Word, Filemaker, hardware and system software, some telecom), transcription, office management. Downtown office near BART. Excellent benefits, collegial atmosphere. Top notch grammar/ spelling/ document production skills required. \$29,000/year, plus or minus based on skills and experience. Fax letter/ resume: 510-451-2554

EXPERIENCED Receptionist for Pill Hill Medical Center. Send resume to: 6208 La Salle Ave., Box L, Oakland, 94611

FIELD MANAGER. Individuals with management experience for challenging year-round part-time position working from your home with school year and summer foreign exchange students. Previous experience with homestay exchange program required. Recruit, interview, train and motivate skills necessary. Send resume/letter of interest to D. Julien, IEI groups, P.O. Box 3406, San Ramon, CA 94583

FULL-TIME And Part-time counter person for cleaners. No experience necessary. Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland 444-6509

FUNDRAISING

Events Manager
U.C. Berkeley
Provide support for fundraising efforts of University Relations by organizing managing special events and donor programs appropriate to a capital campaign. Arrange for locations, invitations, programs, entertainment, mailing lists and all logistical details for special events and donor programs. Provide management on site of these planned events and programs. Implement the campaign kick-off and closing campaign units on campaign cultivation events.

Qualifications required: extensive experience in events management preferably in a non-profit environment, prior experience in dealing with major donors in a confidential manner. Prefer experience in fundraising and/or knowledge of fundraising procedures. Macintosh: Word 5.1, PageMaker 5.0 and Filemaker Pro experience desired. Salary: \$31,200 - \$46,800 annually with excellent benefits. Apply to or send resume by December 16, 1994 to U.C. Berkeley Campus Personnel Office, Job #11-522-50, 2200 University Ave., Room 703, Berkeley, CA 94720. AA/EEOE

GENERAL

JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!
International Company needs 20 more people to fill immediate position. No experience required. Toni (510)848-3541

GROOMER'S ASSISTANT
Apply in person, Montclair Pet Shop, 6400 Moraga Avenue, Oakland, (510)339-9474

HAIRSTYLIST/ manicurist, needed. Low Rental or high commission. Please call: 652-5454

HO! HO! HO!
Begin a new career. Absolutely no experience necessary. Need people now! Call Maria 638-0597

HUNGRY HUNTER

Now hiring Dinner Food Servers. Apply in person between 2-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday: 1211 Embarcadero, Oakland

IL FORNAIO- MONTCLAIR

Bakery/cake seeks part-time food prep. 20-25 hrs/week. Early a.m. Should have some food prep experience but will train. For appointment, (510)339-3108

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Customer Service Inc.
Are you a seasoned sales professional with experience in selling time share investment, wireless cables, or home study courses, etc. via telephone? If you are, we have a great opportunity for you. We offer salary plus commission and a full benefit package for the qualified individual. This opportunity is for the true experienced telephone professional. We are BART accessible. Send resume to: Mr. McDonald (510)529-0280

Modelmaker/Parts Finisher
Growing prototype manufacturer (Stereo Lithography) seeks detail oriented person for fabrication and finishing of plastic and wax prototypes. Full benefits and 401K. Day and swing shifts available. Leave voice mail message at (510)613-0598, ext. 9200 or fax resume (510)632-6682

MR. MOPPS' CHILDREN'S BOOK AND TOY STORE
Now accepting application for Christmas. Some college helpful. Phone floor manager for appointment. 525-9633

OFFICE Assistant, full-time. Mac, Filemakerpro, Excel. Wordprocessing, ordering,

**725 APT. FOR RENT
1 BEDROOMS**

\$630 ABOVE PIEDMONT AVENUE
Specious 1 bedroom with security garage, great storage, views, in top security building Debra, 656-3324

\$630 LARGE, sunny, 1 bedroom, quiet, security building Piedmont Avenue area. No pets 656-7449

\$635 NEW security building Microwave, dishwasher, garage disposal, refrigerator, balcony, garage, laundry, easy access to San Francisco, Berkeley, Walnut Creek 125 Moss Ave 547-4726

\$635 SUNNY +1 Victorian. Upper unit, walk-ins, hardwoods, skylight Walk to Lake, BART, bus, quiet, safe, cul-de-sac Gas, water, garbage included. Cat okay! 853-9672

CHOICE GLENVIEW

Location featuring traditional 1920's security building on quiet residential tree-lined street, block off Upper Park Blvd Charming corner unit, hardwood floors, built-ins See to appreciate Available January 1st 482-3372; 547-4020, (415)459-1307

EXCELLENT LOCATION

Grand Lake above MacArthur Top floor Light, bright, newly painted Huge living room, large kitchen, generous closets Laundry, most utilities Quiet, secure, owner managed No pets 937-8944

PORTO BELLO

One bedroom, pool, sauna, hot tub, 2 tennis courts. Security and more. 653-3704.

\$650- \$675 UPPER Grand. Large, carpeted, dishwasher, disposal views, parking, laundry Patio Cable ready 836-1396

PEACE AND QUIET

Upper Rockridge Oasis includes huge private patio or balcony, most utilities and parking 510-253-1714

\$650 BEAUTIFUL 1 bedroom, landmark Art Deco building, sunny corner unit, hardwoods, bay windows, decorative fireplace, dining area, gas stove, heat pad, laundry, elevator, cat okay, 272-9664

\$650 ENORMOUS, bright 1 bedroom in quiet building near Lake, San Francisco bus, Grand Ave and Lakeshore shopping Views of Lake and park, patio, garage, Boden Way near Beacon St 428-1864

\$650 GORGEOUS 1 bedroom in great Art Deco building, tons of storage, hardwood floors, near transportation and shops. Heat, cable, parking included 839-6292

\$650 INCLUDING utilities and parking Large sunny 1 bedroom, separate dining, hardwood floors, lots of storage, near Park Blvd and 580 50% reduction in first month's rent if rental agreement signed by November 28 654-5953

\$650 LARGE 1 bedroom in lovely triplex, great location Garage, storage Cat okay 834-4213

\$650 ONE bedroom, 1 bath, dishwasher, balcony, off-street parking, security entrance, off Grand Avenue Call Michelle 531-7005

\$650 QUIET building, 1 bedroom, bath, near Lakeshore shops, deck, parking 832-6356

\$650 UPPER Grand Avenue Sunny, convenient, parking Large living room 624A Valle Vista Pkts (415)291-9552

\$655 SUNNY spacious 1 bedroom, balcony, parking Top Lake Location Walk to Grand, Transportation 893-0711

\$660 VERY large 1 bedroom, balcony, parking Spacious Building Walk to Lake, Grand, Transportation 268-1006

★★ SAUNAS ★★

Upscale building near Piedmont with men's and women's saunas, 1 bedroom 360 Monte Vista fireplace, balcony, dishwasher, laundry, garage parking included 658-6279

\$670 ROCKRIDGE Sunny, charming second floor, 3 rooms, hardwood floors, new linoleum, claw-foot tub in bath Pets considered Close to all amenities 527-5527

\$675 CHARMING old building, great location, 884 sq. ft., formal dining, Most utilities included, garage parking available. 251-0511, 451-9256

\$675 NEAR Oakland Rose Garden Quiet, deck, parking, laundry, pool, 700 Mira Vista Ave 893-3136

\$685 PRIVATE, charming, 3 rooms, balcony, skylight, hardwood floors, yard. No dogs. 548-7736

\$695 PIEDMONT Border Large 1 bedroom Great view, sunny, hardwoods, security Close shopping/transportation 452-0386

\$700 GLENVIEW, unfurnished, all utilities and garage Security building First last and 475 deposit Available after December 31st 531-1056

\$700 LAKE Merritt 1 bedroom, secure building/ parking in unit washer/ dryer, fireplace, patio carport, Renee 835-7840 Available December 10

\$715 GORGEOUS 1 bedroom, dining room Windows and closets galore. Laided glass built-ins, top floor, small building, quiet, near Lake 228 Athol Parking, storage, most utilities included Cat okay 531-0567

\$725+ CONTEMPO. Great! 1 bedroom condo. Adams Point near Lake Merritt. Sunny, secure building/ pool parking. Non-smoking. Pet negotiable Rick: 415-397-9000, x747 (day), 415-591-6882 evenings.

\$725 ONE bedroom, sunny, bright, convenient location close to Piedmont Ave., balcony, fireplace, skylights. No pets 834-6821

\$725 QUIET, sunny upper triplex, 1 1/2 bedrooms, near Piedmont Ave Deck, parking, newly remodeled All utilities paid 530-4514 pager 553-3832

\$735 CAPE Cod style fourplex. View, hardwood floors, fireplace, picket fence, parking 536 Fairbanks 832-5811

\$735 SUNNY 1200 sq. ft. one bedroom, fireplace, view, garage, security, vintage deco building 654-6413

\$735 UPPER Lakeshore triplex. Piedmont border, charming, newly painted, garage, laundry, garden, shopping. 865-2016

\$740 ENTIRE first floor in-law, fireplace, washer/ dryer, garage Near Holy Names Utilities included 530-9130

\$750 LAKESHORE Ave 1 bedroom Spacious unit in lovely 1920's Art Deco building. Built-in china cabinets, new tile in kitchen, wood floors, 10 ft ceilings, elevator, intercom. Call 451-9062.

\$750 MONTCLAIR, quiet, lovely, spacious, 1 bedroom plus, wall-to-wall carpets, gas stove, deck, view 531-0923

\$750 PIEDMONT. Unique, quiet garden apartment, artistically crafted 658-8615

\$750 REDWOOD Heights, large 1 bedroom. Quiet, view, patio, deck, yard, Washer/ dryer hook-up, fireplace. No pets, non-smoking 540-7206

\$760 ONE bedroom Waterfront Condo. Pool, tennis, security parking, garage, balcony, hot tub, sauna 510-444-8106

\$770 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom in Deco building, hardwood floors, high ceilings, walk-in closets, renovated kitchen, laundry, Garden parking. In-clusters water, garbage, heat, indoor parking. 832-4782

\$780 SUNNY 1 bedroom, fourplex, formal dining, view, oak floors, garage, walk-in closet, storage. Vermont St. Available December 17 832-3583

\$785 4525 Edgewood 4-plex. 2 blocks to Glenview shops and buses. Carpeted, quiet, bright, cheerful, laundry, garage. Cat okay. 339-9584

\$775 NEGOTIABLE for handy person(s). Piedmont 1 bedroom with off-street parking in small complex. Steve 702-4239

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\$760 LAKE Merritt large Spanish style 1 bedroom. Top floor, sunny, high beamed ceilings, 20 ft. living room, huge closets, dishwasher, parking, laundry 415-861-0474

\$795 LARGE 1 bedroom near Piedmont in mostly residential neighborhood. Garbage/ water included, garage 531-8633

\$800

PIEDMONT BORDER
Mediterranean building. Top floor, view, beams, dining room, gas stove. Parking included 652-7900

\$800 ONE bedroom, 1 bath Excellent Lake front location. New 16 unit security building. Garage parking, laundry facility. Call Andrea 465-8405 or Michelle 531-7005.

\$825 VICTORIAN (includes all utilities) near Piedmont Rose Garden, extra large, laundry facilities, new carpet, mini-blinds 3912 Harrison St 209-835-1011

\$860**SPECTACULAR CHOICE'S**

Mediterranean-style 4-plex, choice upper Lakeshore location, Prince at York Street. Stunning corner flat, 1 bedroom, den, formal dining room, fireplace, built-ins, gleaming hardwood floors, garage. Tastefully renovated enhancing original design. Available January 1st 482-3372; 547-4020; (415)459-1307

\$890 GLENVIEW tri-plex Older 1 bedroom on upper park Bright, sunny and secure, with some view. Garage and small yard. Lease. 547-2929

\$900 MONTCLAIR retreat. New huge 1 bedroom Peaceful, private, canyon views, fireplace, decks Delightful 530-1339

\$950 ONE bedroom plus den, 1 bath. Excellent Lake front location. New 16 unit security building. Garage parking, laundry facility. Call Andrea 465-8405 or Michelle 531-7005

\$975 LUXURY Lake Landmark. 24 hour doorman, laundry, fireplace, 1000 sq. ft. (510)268-8132; (510)532-4468

\$975 PIEDMONT Ave, area 1 bedroom flat, 1000 sq. ft., very private, fireplace, new bath, new kitchen with dishwasher and garbage disposal. Yard and parking. Available December 15. 655-5920

\$975 ROCKRIDGE Large apartment, gas stove, hardwood floors, laundry, garage. 1 block Colton Blvd. 832-5811.

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STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME
File No. 94-5229

The following persons have abandoned the use of the fictitious business name AdMax Of The San Ramon Valley, 4480 Barbary Ct., Concord, CA 94521.

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Contra Costa County on August 18, 1994.

1. Joseph J. Clark, 4480 Barbary Ct., Concord, CA 94521.
2. Sharon L. Clark, 4480 Barbary Ct., Concord, CA 94521.

Signed: J.J. Clark
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1994.
Publish The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6359

The following person is doing business as Bambini's, 1420 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525.
Jessica Duque, P.O. Box 404, Crockett, CA 94525.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 11, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 3, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6372

The following persons are doing business as Barbera Allen Hats, 5340 Barrett Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Barbera Allen, 5340 Barrett Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Barbera Walton, 33205 Los Olivos Lane, Esplanade, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a Joint Venture.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 11, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 3, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6345

The Name of the Business:
Oil Plus, 2432 Mountain View Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Innocent J. Pasoply, 2432 Mountain View Dr., Concord, CA 94520.
Scott Morris, 2418 N. 6th St., Concord, CA 94519.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 7, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 3, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6247

The Names of the Business:
1) Victory Gifts 2) Victory Marketing, 4636 West Piedmont Ct. #1, Concord, CA 94521.
Are hereby registered by the following Owner:
Teri Wade, 4636 Rishell Ct. #1, Concord, CA 94521.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6251

The Name of the Business:
Associated Building Inspectors, 5348 Laurel Drive, Concord, CA 94521/P.O. Box 1213, Danville, CA 94526.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Barbara Louise Zartun-Ries, 1080 Alamo Ct., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
William Frederick Ries, 1080 Alamo Ct., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6257

The Name of the Business:
Venture Capital Networking, 2439 Esmont Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Steven C. Soisaa, 2439 Esmont Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 5, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6547

The Name of the Business:
L.R. Marketing, 3330 Main St., Suite A, Oakley, CA 94561.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Audio Video Associates, 3330 Main St., Suite A, Oakley, CA 94561.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 19, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6537

The Name of the Business:
Healthy Attitude, 3555 Old Mt. View Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
William H. White, 3555 Old Mt. View Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Eugenie M. Frames, 3555 Old Mt. View Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by Individuals-Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 18, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6746

The Name of the Business:
Escape To The Stars, 3555 Old Mt. View Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Jill Weddick, 1415 Fargo Ct., Concord, CA 94521.
Eugenie Frames, 3555 Old Mt. View Dr., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by Co-Partners.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 27, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6825

The Name of the Business:
Sierra Telecom, 211 W. Buchanan Rd. #148, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Andre Maurice Lane, 211 W. Buchanan Rd. #148, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 19, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6307

The Name of the Business:
Pleasant Hill Shopping Center, 560 Contra Costa Blvd., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Pleasant Palms Partnership, a California general partnership, c/o Jarvis & Assoc., Inc., 101 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94111.

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Elizabeth L. Jarvis Company, a California corporation, c/o Jarvis & Assoc., Inc., 101 Union St., San Francisco, CA 94111.
K-ROO Corp., a California corporation, c/o Beneficial Properties, L.P., P.O. Box 1655, Manhattan Beach, CA 90267-1655, 212 31st St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 6, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6835

The Name of the Business:
Trades of Grey, 1530 Poplar Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Michael Paul Grey, 1530 Poplar Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
Michael Sean Grey, 6517 Claremont Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Brandon Joel Grey, 1530 Poplar Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 1, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6496

The Name of the Business:
Electronic Life World, 1331 Gayle Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Tony G. Lozano, 1331 Gayle Court, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 17, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6496

The Name of the Business:
Ocean Mist, 1041 Rolling Hill Way, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Susan M. Della Riva, 1041 Rolling Hill Way, Martinez, CA 94553.
Marc E. Della Riva, 1041 Rolling Hill Way, Martinez, CA 94553.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 17, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6597

The Name of the Business:
Fire Eagle, 3055 Avon Ln., P.O. Box 6245, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Herman E. Barry, Jr., 3055 Avon Ln., San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 21, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6829

The Name of the Business:
The Chartered Financial Group, 1121 Seaside Dr., Orinda, CA 94563. P.O. Box 823, Orinda, CA 94563.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Robert E. Burke, 1121 Seaside Dr., Orinda, CA 94563.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6222

The Name of the Business:
Sunflower Hill, 5134 Homestead Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Carol Pese, 5134 Homestead Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
John Pese, 5134 Homestead Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 4, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6829

The Name of the Business:
Financial Consulting Network, 3909 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, CA 94806.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Joanne M. Vander Werf, 1729 Bead Rivage, San Pablo, CA 94606.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 25, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6754

The Name of the Business:
Industrial Graphic Arts, Inc., 1054 E Shary Circle, Concord, CA 94516.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Lisle Morsemann, Jr., 859 Grenola Drive, Concord, CA 94518.
John Morsemann, 859 Grenola Drive, Concord, CA 94518.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 14, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6553

The Name of the Business:
San's Video Buttons, 2200 Hilltop Mill Road, Hilltop Mill, Richmond, CA 94806.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Nalla Hussain, 310 Violet Road, Hercules, CA 94547.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 19, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6724

The Name of the Business:
Paasen, 2824 Hayes Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Lisa M. Rich, 2824 Hayes Way, Antioch, CA 94509.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 26, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6640

The Name of the Business:
M.A.S. Valley Landscaping Management, 30 Beta Ct., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Manuelodarmico Costa, 2754 East Ave., Hayward, CA 94541.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 24, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6874

The Name of the Business:
Alternative Financial Systems, 1684 Locust St., #326, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Terry Aldridge, 3264 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 7, 1994.
The Journal, November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 1994.

PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
No. D-94-03541
Superior Court Of California
County of Contra Costa
MARRIAGE OF
BON LETA, petitioner
SUZHEN KE, respondent

Petitioner has been a resident of this state for at least six months and of this county for at least three months immediately preceding the filing of

Public Notices

the Petition for Dissolution of Marriage.
There are no minor children.
There are no assets or obligations subject to disposition by the court in this proceeding.
Dissolution of the marriage based on irreconcilable differences. FC-231(0a).
Attorney fees and costs payable by respondent.
Date: November 8, 1994
Bon Le Ta
Petitioner
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6895

The Name of the Business:
Adapt. Abilities. Therapies, 641 Coventry Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Kenneth Schwartz, 641 Coventry Rd., Kensington, CA 94707.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 2, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6421

The Name of the Business:
Advantage Construction Services, 308 Lorenz Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Allen C. Timms, 308 Lorenz Dr., Oakley, CA 94561.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 12, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6522

The Name of the Business:
Prestige Motor Sales, 187 D Arthur Road, Martinez, CA 94554.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Davis S. Castro, P.O. Box 159, Clayton, CA 94517.
Eveline M. Castro, P.O. Box 159, Clayton, CA 94517.
This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 18, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6522

The Name of the Business:
Children's Hide-A-Way Family Day Care, 3028 Phillip Court, Richmond, CA 94806.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Albina Hodges, 3028 Phillip Court, Richmond, CA 94806.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 24, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6420

The Name of the Business:
Point Isabel Accounting Services, 5605 El Dorado, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Karen L. Simons, 5605 El Dorado, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 12, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6706

The Name of the Business:
1) Razz M. Tazz Productions (RMT) 2) Listen Close 3) Take A Real Look, 611 Liberty, El Cerrito, CA 94530. (P.O. Box 767, Berkeley, CA 94701).
Are hereby registered by the following Owner:
Kasha Heru Tashminer, 611 Liberty, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 26, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6579

The Name of the Business:
Diamondback Brewing Company, 1311 Walnut Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:
Walter W. Aster, 1311 Walnut Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94598.
Walter J. Aster, 4828 Trenton St., Oakley, CA 94567.
This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 20, 1994.
The Journal, November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-7011, 94-7063

The Names of the Businesses:
LAN & Accounting Software and Turner Accountancy, 3150 Hilltop Mall Rd., Suite 4, Richmond, CA 94806.
Are hereby registered by the following Owner:
Robert L. Turner, 181 Hannigan Way, Vallejo, CA 94597.
This business is conducted by an Individual.
Statements were filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 8 and 10, 1994.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 94-6936

The Name of the Business:
Coast Karate Studio, 3110 Roosevelt Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
David Clay Bendigkelt, 3110 Roosevelt Ave., Richmond, CA 94804.
This business is conducted by an

Hip Mama

Mama's got a brand new mag!

Lisa Coffey Mahoney

Oakland resident Ariel Gore got tired of reading mainstream parenting magazines that focused on issues like training and how to get your child to sleep at night. "I mean it's not a big

social problem that high schoolers can't go to the bathroom by themselves," she laughs. "I figure everyone gets that down eventually."

So Gore, a struggling welfare mom

Between motherhood and zines: Julie Bowles and Ariel Gore at work, while Gore's daughter Maia Swift requests breakfast



Mike Fieleson photos



trying to raise a 4-year-old daughter, created Hip Mama, a progressive quarterly parenting magazine that serves primarily young, poor moms.

Gore, editor and publisher of the

recipes for healthy homemade "junk food"; and a story on belly-dancing mamas.

The publication is filled not only with news and feature stories, but poetry, fiction, essays, book reviews, editorials, letters to the editor, cartoons and artwork. Some of the work is serious in tone, but much is humorous.

According to Gore, all is geared toward celebrating the multiplicity of mothering experiences everywhere. Gore, who started the magazine as a senior project at Mills College, now attends U.C. Berkeley's graduate school of journalism.

"Some people did documentaries," said Gore, when asked what types of projects other students tackled for the class. "And, in the past, people had done mock-ups of magazines, but I don't know that anyone's actually produced a magazine and went on with it."

Needless to say Gore received an A for her efforts, and she hears that communications majors currently working on senior projects are following her lead and starting magazines.

Always a pioneer

Gore has always been somewhat of a trendsetter. At 16, she dropped out of high school in Palo Alto and bought a one-way ticket to Hong Kong. She stayed in Asia for a couple of years, and, for a time, studied at the Beijing Language Institute.

Gore then traveled through Europe, winding up in Italy where she gave birth to her daughter, Maia, when she was 19-years-old. "I was bored in high school," she explains. "Many of my friends were saying that they were going to go off and do different things. Traveling was just sort of a random idea and the fact that I ended up following through was probably the only unusual thing in terms of my peer group."

It was during her travels that Gore first became aware of how different parenting is in each culture. "I was really interested in the differences in the politics of mothering, like at what age it's okay to have kids and what sort of family set ups are okay in different cultures."

"What's acceptable and what's not acceptable varies so widely," says Gore, "that at some point you just have to face the fact that it's just made up, it's really arbitrary."

Gore made the first call for submissions for Hip Mama in

September 1993, and the first issue was published three months later. Since then, Gore, and her staff of 10 friends who volunteer their time and talents, has cranked out two more magazines, with the next issue due to hit the newstands this week.

Deadlines have been hectic, to say the least.

"Our last night of production is at least as bad as anyone else's last night of production," says Gore. "Only we have children climbing all over the place."

"I think that if we ever get to the point where I'm making money and I could give people salaries," says Gore, "I want to be able to have a work environment where it's okay to be a mom and it's okay to bring your kids. It's very hectic, but at the same time, that's life."

Gore says she worked on the Mills newspaper, "but I didn't know that much about what happened after I edited my page and went home." So she made lots of phone calls to other small magazines and newspapers and did lots of research on how to put together a magazine.

"I paid for the first issue with a \$1,000 student loan," says Gore, "and we've been breaking even ever since with subscribers and some advertisers."

"Our subscriber base is growing and we might actually get paid one of these days," laughs Gore. "Given our marketing budget, which doesn't exist, and given the resources that I've got, I think the zine has been growing really fast. There seems to be a lot of interest."

Currently, there are 500 Hip Mama subscribers who pay between \$12-\$20 (subscribers decide what they can afford) for a one-year (four issues) subscription. Single issues are \$3.95.

Gore puts in an average of 20 to 30 hours a week on the publication. "I drink a lot of coffee," she says when asked how she balances the magazine, motherhood and school. "It's definitely a juggling act, and graduate school is a little more time consuming than I'd hoped it would be."

But Gore intends to persevere and support mothers everywhere. "It's really gotten to the point where you can't do anything right," says Gore of the way society views young mothers. "You're not supposed to be on welfare, but then you're not supposed to go to school or work," she says citing Jennifer Ireland's child custody

case in Michigan.

"So where are you supposed to get your money?"

"You're supposed to be married and you're supposed to stay married," she continues, "and then you are supposed to stay home with the kids, but that's not really okay either. It's gotten to the point where there is no acceptable way to be a mother."

Goals of the magazine are many, says Gore, but one of the most important is "to help parents stand back and look at what they are doing and what it means."

"And they need to look at how different they are now that they have kids and why it is such a big shift," she continues. "I think that when you become a mom it becomes so much a part of your identity — it becomes such a huge part of what you are. There hasn't been a lot of discussion around that, sorting out who you are as a parent and your feelings about being a mother."

"Our first loyalty is to younger, poor moms," says Gore of her readership, "where the stereotypes are so prevalent of what you should look like and be like if you're a mom. So one of our big goals is to work on the imagery of younger mothers, but at the same time support all parents."

Subscriptions are available by writing Hip Mama, P.O. Box 9097, Oakland, CA 94613.

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5 It's a really great deal (just \$12-\$20 sliding scale).

4 Hip Mama is the most inclusive parenting rag in history.

3 How else are you going to celebrate the multiplicity of mothering experiences everywhere in the comfort of your own home?

2 Our staff is really anxious to get off welfare.

1 For every looney page like this there is a serious/investigative/thoughtful one.

Impressions takes us a step back in time

There's an old-world charm about Impressions Garden Galleria in Orinda. Walk through the front door, through the fanciful wrought iron bower and you're in an Italian courtyard, listening to the soothing sounds of a hidden waterfall.

A wrought iron "tree" made by



An angelic figurine, decorated with baubles and lace.

local artist Ron Moore is decked with ornaments from around the globe: colored blown glass balls from Germany; sequined stars from India; and dainty glass bons bons from Italy.

"We focus on collectibles, things that you're not going to tire of in a year," says Gigi Rhodes, owner of the galleria, an offshoot of Impressions Floral Design.

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Look up and you'll see alabaster wall plaques from Texas depicting the sun or the face of an angel; alongside those are "first-stone" hand-painted plaques from Italy traditionally placed on the exterior of a new home in the spirit of welcome.

Another local artist, Janet Diederich, paints pots in muted shades of gold and silver with whimsical designs. In a tiny room off the courtyard Margaret Smith's angelic figurine, ornately adorned in baubles and lace, is a perfect holiday center piece.

There are beautiful plates and serv-



Business Focus

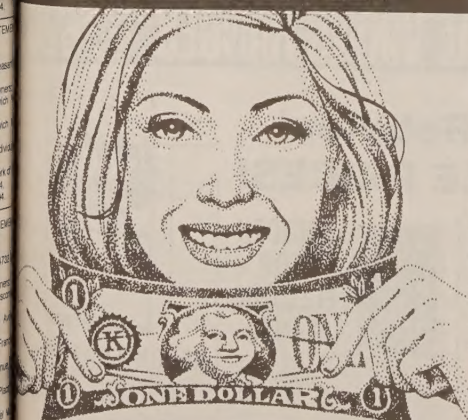
MAGGIE SHARPE

ing dishes too. "Jamie's" deep teal-colored bowl and matching serving plate are decorated with tiny Christmas trees. Candle followers are available with gold leaf or beaded shades. An old Italian vineyard candlestick with a glass hurricane shade is a likely dinner conversation piece.

Rhodes obviously has fun with her incredibly diverse "collectibles." But she has a diverse price range too: "You don't have to spend a lot," she says. "Everyone can find something here that'll give them that old-world feeling for under \$20."

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Lions post purrrfect season



Ben Epstein, Lions center half, beats two bandits to the ball

The Soccerlegions Lions of the Albany-Berkeley Soccer Club completely shut down their opponents this weekend on the cold, muddy pitch at Canyon Middle School in Castro Valley to win the District IV Commissioner's Cup there. It was a fitting followup to an undefeated, untied regular season in which the Lions gave up only one goal all season, and that in the first half of the first game.

The Lions will be one of two teams to represent District IV in the Association Cup of the California Youth Soccer Association. Only 18 teams from throughout Northern and Central California will have the opportunity to compete for the Cup this winter.

The Lions used their winning recipe of "building from the back" to keep all four of their District Cup opponents scoreless and, by scoring three or more goals in every game, they achieved the highest point total possible for the tournament, getting "perfect tens" three times in a row to get them to the championship game.

There, facing an opponent hunkered down in a 4-4-2 defense, they still managed to score two goals and barely missed on several other scoring opportunities.

The Soccerlegions Lions, so called for their play on the sabbath, have been together for six years and have a style of play that reflects their cohesiveness as a durable unit. Facing a wet, slippery field this weekend, they avoided fancy dribbling and moved the ball around with one- and two-touch passing, keeping the opponent off balance and opening up scoring opportunities.

The mid-fielders took strong outside shots on goal and these paid off, with the majority of the scoring coming from the midfield. Moses Kopmar led the scoring for the Lions, putting four strong shots into the goal from his right midfielder position. His second goal, coming in the second half of the second game, against the Lafayette-Moraga Bandits, was a searing, blistering shot from just outside the penalty area that put the Lions up 2-0.

The last of his four goals was perhaps the most critical, coming as it did in the second half of the championship game against the Hayward Jaguars with the score tied 0-0 despite a relentless assault on the Jaguars goal by the Lions.

Credit for the assist went to center halfback Ben Epstein, who dominated the midfield play throughout with his speed, aggressiveness and superior ball-handling skills. Epstein put another one on the boards for the Lions minutes later to cinch the 2-0 victory, then went back to goalkeeper where, with two outstanding plays outside of the box, he insured the shutout victory.

Also logging in from the strong midfield was the other right midfielder, Jacob Ritvo, who, in perhaps his most exciting score, slide tackled the Bandits' left fullback, got

up with the ball and pushed it past their surprised goalie. In all, Ritvo logged a goal in each of the games leading up to the finals to finish with three on the weekend.

The last goal from midfield was scored by a defender, Richard Skinner, the Lions' strong right fullback, who, moved up to halfback in the waning minutes of the game against the Lafayette-Moraga Crushers and connected for an unstoppable line-drive goal which allowed the Lions to take credit for a hat-trick—the three "perfect tens." Daniel Schmidt, a keeper at heart, also played a strong midfield, anchoring the left side to set up scores by the wings.

By taking shots on goal from the outside, the Lions were able to get the ball in under the cover of opponents' blanketing defense, where the line was able to pick up the pieces. With the opponents drawing back against the assault, it was impossible for Gabe Zeldin, a striker and the Lions' number one scorer for the season, to employ his patented fast break.

Nevertheless, he too was able to get on the boards with an assist from Christopher Chin, the Lions' incomparable sweeper, who had been moved up to center half for a little change of pace. Left wing Gabriel Chodorow-Reich, with a lot of aggressiveness, knew how to be in the right place at the right time and was able to notch a total of three goals in the Lions' 7-0 decimation of the host Southern Alameda County Raptors, and their equally convincing 5-0 victory over the Bandits.

Sam Barkin and Sasha Post each put in one from the right wing, and Evan Brody chipped in another from striker. Sam Ferguson at left wing got the assist on Evan Brody's goal and almost got the Lions on the boards in the championship game early with a hard angled shot that required all the skill of the Jaguars' keeper to save.

All this scoring could only come with a lot of hard, to-the-ball play by the team. In addition to Ben Epstein, the Lions had Alex Shakiba, Evan Keeler-Wolf and Niles Lichtenstein as indefatigable center halves and stoppers. Alex Shakiba with his speed,

versatility and game sense, was indispensable to the successful cause, moving the ball in, time and time again, to where the line could score.

Niles Lichtenstein and Evan Keeler-Wolf were in a dead heat for the "best throw-in" contest in the county. Evan Keeler-Wolf's trademark slide tackle intimidated the opposition (not to mention that it left him looking more like a hippopotamus than a lion), and he also led off the Lions' scoring for the weekend from his stopper position.

Niles Lichtenstein, the big friendly giant, took no hostages either and, with the longest shot of the weekend, on a direct kick from about 30 yards out, would have been the 11th Lion to score in the tournament had his goal not been called back for an offside.

With all this glory, for a team that played shutout ball from the first week of the season right through the championship game of the Commissioner's Cup, credit clearly has to go to the defensive unit: On the sides, Mutt and Jeff: Kyle Low—small, fast, and reliable, and Richard Skinner—sturdy, fearless and with the big boot. And, behind it all? What every soccer coach dreams of—the consummate sweeper, Chris Chin. No counterattack is too fast for him, no wing so adept that Chris can't make a clean tackle and move the ball up to the attackers. And, make it look easy.

One thing the Lions were not able to count this year was saves by their keepers. In one regular-season game the Lions' four keepers had no contact with the ball. To keep these Lions from sleeping, the coach had to rotate four players in and out of the goal. Tested only in tough scrimmages against Class I and III teams as well as under-14 boys' and girls' teams, the keepers, Daniel Schmidt, Jacob Ritvo, Ben Epstein and Chris Chin, stayed vigilant and took care of the little business they got.

The Lions will undoubtedly face stiffer competition in the upcoming Association Cup but, with their individual skills, balance and, most of all, teamwork, it would be sacrilegious to count them out.

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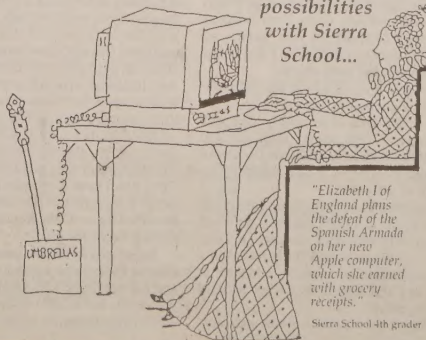
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